

Record Request  
FD-125 (Rev. 1-30-75)

Date 4/16/98

☐ Birth ☐ Credit ☒ Criminal ☐ Death ☐ INS ☐ Marriage\* ☐ Motor Vehicle ☐ Other ☐ Driver's License

To NCLC Buded

Return to [Redacted] File number 89A-PC-64410

Name and aliases of subject, applicant, or employee, and spouse  
[Redacted] b6 b7C

Addresses  
Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
Business \_\_\_\_\_  
Former \_\_\_\_\_

\* Date and place of marriage (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Race	Sex	Age	Height	Weight	Hair	Eyes
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female					

Birth date	Birthplace
<u>[Redacted]</u>	

Arrest Number	Fingerprint classification	Criminal specialty

Specific information desired	Social Security Number

Results of check

(Use reverse side, if necessary)

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/4/1998

[redacted] Erie Insurance Claims Office, College Park Plaza, Suite 206, Johnstown, PA, [redacted] was interviewed at his place of employment. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry regarding threats made by [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] advised [redacted] Erie Insurance [redacted] was initially involved with the claim against Carmens' Wholesale Tires (CWT) involving [redacted] investigation determined CWT was liable for the damage to [redacted] truck, at which point the matter was transferred to Erie Insurance employee [redacted] for resolution.

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[redacted] advised subsequently [redacted] came to the Erie Insurance Claims Office and wanted to file a claim for lost wages. [redacted] a self-employed contractor, provided contractor's copies of invoices which reflected work lost as a result of the loss of use of his truck. The total of these invoices reflected a substantial amount of money. [redacted] added it appeared to Erie Insurance that [redacted] believed he was entitled to a large sum of money. After several visits to the Erie Insurance offices, a settlement was ultimately negotiated and the claim settled for substantially less than [redacted] was seeking. At the time of the settlement, [redacted] described [redacted] as gritting his teeth, seemingly ready to explode, as he stated, "It's always this way."

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[redacted] advised in September 1997 he received a telephone call from [redacted]. The call was transferred to him by the office secretary. Once [redacted] was on the line, [redacted] identified himself and, without mentioning the claim, stated "You've dealt with me before, I found out where you, [redacted] and [redacted] live, I'm going to pay you a visit." [redacted] stated when he asked, "Is that a threat?", [redacted] replied, "Take it any way you want to." At that point, [redacted] hung up the telephone. [redacted] described [redacted] tone as stern and to the point. Furthermore, [redacted] stated he perceived the call as a threat and notified Erie Insurance Security. [redacted] stated he also notified the appropriate police departments.

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[REDACTED] added [REDACTED] made no mention of Congressman MURTHA during the call.

[REDACTED] further advised on two other occasions, around the time of the telephone call, [REDACTED] was observed in the area of the Erie Insurance offices. On both occasions, [REDACTED] was observed in the hallway outside the entrance to Erie Insurance. b6  
[REDACTED] walked by the entrance and looked in, however did not b7C enter the office. On one occasion, [REDACTED] may have visited the bank located on the same floor as the Erie Insurance office. [REDACTED] further added his office faces the front of the building, and he was able to observe [REDACTED] inside his vehicle, parked in front of the building, and staring in the direction of the Erie Insurance offices.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/20/1998

[redacted] Inmate Number [redacted] Date of Birth [redacted] Social Security Number [redacted] was interviewed at the Cambria County Prison (CCP), 425 Manor Drive, Ebensburg, PA 15831. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry regarding [redacted] [redacted] resides at [redacted] Johnstown, PA 15906. [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] advised he arrived at CCP on [redacted] after being sentenced to [redacted] for [redacted]. A subsequent sentence reduction hearing reduced his sentence to [redacted]. [redacted] stated since his arrival at CCP, he has been assigned to [redacted]. For a two week period in January 1998 while assigned to [redacted] either [redacted] also advised he was familiar with inmate [redacted] who was assigned to [redacted] then subsequently [redacted]. [redacted] added [redacted] had already been transferred to [redacted] and assigned to [redacted] prior to the time he [redacted] was transferred to [redacted] and assigned to the [redacted].

[redacted] advised when he asked [redacted] why he was in jail, [redacted] related his problems were related to some plans he developed. As a result of those plans, he was accused of threatening Congressman MURTHA with guns and bullets. However, [redacted] stated he never threatened Congressman MURTHA. [redacted] added [redacted] talked about his problems constantly, however never admitted he threatened Congressman MURTHA. [redacted] related [redacted] advised, "I have some great plans, plans so good that MURTHA and his people are going to steal them." [redacted] feltb6 "they," Congressman MURTHA, were out to get him for his planb7C [redacted] also stated he had problems with his truck, which he used in his business. [redacted] related the engine problems with his truck continued, and [redacted] became frustrated and just wanted the truck fixed. [redacted] added [redacted] never really talked about an insurance agent, however [redacted] believed the problems with his truck, in fact all of his problems, were related to Congressman MURTHA.

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[REDACTED] advised on one occasion while they were [REDACTED] was locked down, confined to his cell. This was a result of [REDACTED] not keeping his cell orderly. [REDACTED] stated he recalled, on that occasion, [REDACTED] sat on a chair outside the cell and talked with [REDACTED] recalled this conversation lasted approximately 30-45 minutes. [REDACTED] added he overheard portions of the conversation, which dealt with [REDACTED] case. During this particular conversation, [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] about his plans and how he was accused of telling an insurance agent he had guns and bullets. [REDACTED] added he did not hear [REDACTED] tell [REDACTED] he had made any threats. However, [REDACTED] did say he was taken to see a doctor, given a shot, and then was beaten. In addition, [REDACTED] also stated while he was in the hospital, he was shown a photograph and was told he would end up like "MICKENS." [REDACTED] related to [REDACTED] that Congressman MURTHA had people watching him, how Congressman MURTHA and his people were out to get him, and he thought his life was in danger. [REDACTED] further advised [REDACTED] had frequent conversations with [REDACTED]. Generally, [REDACTED] would not even have to say anything to him, [REDACTED] would just start talking about his situation. b6 b7C

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] had been transferred from [REDACTED] before [REDACTED] received paperwork relating to discovery in his case. [REDACTED] added [REDACTED] kept track of everything and had a lot of paperwork in his cell. In addition, [REDACTED] advised upon his [REDACTED] transfer to B block and assignment to work detail at the courthouse, [REDACTED] said, "They got to you, they will take you over there and ask you all these questions about me, don't lie, don't roll over on me." [REDACTED] added after his sentence modification, he returned to C block. [REDACTED] questioned him as to what had happened, to which [REDACTED] responded his sentence was reduced. [REDACTED] subsequently received paperwork regarding discovery on his case, which listed the witnesses against him. [REDACTED] added when he discovered [REDACTED] was listed as a witness, [REDACTED] stated "That little snitch." b6 b7C

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Date of transcription 4/15/1998

[redacted] Records, Cambria County Prison (CCP),  
425 Manor Drive, Ebensburg, PA 15931, [redacted] provided  
copies of pertinent information from CCP records regarding former  
CCP inmate [redacted] A copy of these records is attached  
and made a part hereto.

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by SA [redacted]

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MARTIN A. KOVACS  
Warden



EDWARD P. DESABATO  
Deputy Warden - Administration

JOHN J. PREBISH, JR.  
Deputy Warden - Operations

BRIAN J. BRACKEN  
Director of Inmate Services

**Cambria County Prison**

425 Manor Drive, Ebensburg, PA 15931

(814) 472-7330

Fax Number : 814-472-8530

FAX TRANSMISSION

TO:

[Redacted]

FROM:

[Redacted]

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DATE:

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SUBJECT:

[Redacted]

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If you do not receive all of the pages, or have a question about this transmission, contact us at: 814-472-7330.

TO:

FROM:

RE

WHILE INCARCERATED  WAS.

Cell mates with

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Cellmate for Class 3 Lock-up was

CAMBRIA COUNTY PRISON  
MINOR MISCONDUCT

Inmate's Name

Date 1-24-98 Time 12:00 PmHousing Unit Hc Cell Number 17

Due to your misconduct of Bed Not Being Made: Items  
down on table, Mr. Fenton was out of  
his cell.

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you will serve a period of lock - down in your cell.

Time In 12:15 Pm

Offic

Time Out 11:00 Pm

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White - Lieutenant

Yellow - Inmate

Pink - Officer

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JUDD C. ZIMMER, Chief, Clearfield Borough Police,  
14 South Front Street, Clearfield, PA 16830, (814) 765-7819, was  
contacted regarding [REDACTED] Chief ZIMMER advised  
their records reflected the following information regarding  
[REDACTED]

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No disposition reported

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Charges waived.

A copy of the May 23, 1997, arrest report is attached  
and made a part hereto.

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by SA [REDACTED] *N**89A-PG-64410-56*

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 4/16/1998

[redacted] Inmate Number [redacted] Date of Birth [redacted] Social Security Number [redacted] was interviewed at the Cambria County Prison (CCP), 425 Manor Drive, Ebensburg, PA 15831. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry regarding [redacted] resides at [redacted] Johnstown, PA. [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] advised that he arrived at CCP on January 7, 1998, to begin serving [redacted] for [redacted] added his expected release date is [redacted] further advised on either January 10, 1998, or January 11, 1998, he was transferred to [redacted] as [redacted] remained in C block for two days and, on [redacted] which houses inmates participating in the Work Release Program. [redacted] was assigned to a cleaning detail within the unit.

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[redacted] advised during the two or three days he was in the same cell with [redacted] did not discuss, in any detail, the reason he was at CCP. However, [redacted] did mention in conversation he was there because, "They wanted to shut him up because he was running for Governor." [redacted] added [redacted] did not say who "they" were and he did not ask. [redacted] further added he never heard [redacted] mention Congressman MURTHA by name nor did [redacted] admit he made any threats.

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Date of transcription 4/16/1998

[redacted] Inmate Number [redacted] Date of Birth [redacted] Social Security Number [redacted] was interviewed at the Cambria County Prison (CCP), 425 Manor Drive, Ebensburg, PA 15931. [redacted] advised he resides at [redacted]. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry regarding [redacted]. [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] advised he arrived at CCP on [redacted] following his arrest for [redacted]. On February 5, [redacted] with [redacted] until [redacted] release. [redacted] advised during the time he [redacted] never discussed any details relating to his arrest. [redacted] did relate an insurance man blamed him for making threats against Congressman MURTHA. [redacted] added [redacted] said that he did not do it, but he was being blamed for it. [redacted] advised [redacted] never admitted to threatening anyone and he never heard [redacted] threaten anyone.

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[redacted] advised [redacted] also said he had plans to help poor people, however, again, [redacted] did not go into any details. [redacted] did mention once he met someone at the incline plane but again did not identify the person by name. [redacted] added he found [redacted] easy to get along with and someone who appeared to have feelings for people. [redacted] stated [redacted] appeared to like people and would talk to anyone. When someone appeared to be down, [redacted] would help them out, and tell them "You need a purpose in life."

[redacted] further advised [redacted] occupied his time by watching television and reading. [redacted] added during the time they shared a cell, [redacted] was not locked down nor did he say he had been lock down while at CCP. [redacted] advised [redacted] did have some legal papers in the cell and on one occasion showed him one piece of paper. [redacted] recalled the paper may have reflected something to the effect the insurance agent said [redacted] did not threaten him.

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[redacted] advised by way of background, inmates are not permitted to enter another inmate's cell. CCP guards watch this closely and the cells are checked several times a day. [redacted]

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added inmates are required, when not in their cell, to keep the bed made and put personal items away, nothing can be left on the beds, lockers, or tables. Violations result in the inmate's confinement, lock down, in his cell for 24 hours.

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Date of transcription 4/16/1998

[redacted] Corrections Officer, Cambria County Prison (CCP), Ebensburg, PA 15931, [redacted] was contacted at his place of employment. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the inquiry. [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] stated he is currently assigned to work in housing unit HC (C block), where he works the 6:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. shift. [redacted] advised by way of CCP procedure, inmates are not permitted to enter another inmate's cell, and, additionally, when an inmate leaves his own cell, the bed is to be made and nothing can be left on the table or locker. [redacted] advised the inmates are well aware of these rules and violation of these rules will result in the inmate being confined to his cell (lock-down), usually for 24 hours. b6 b7C

[redacted] reviewed a copy of a CCP Minor Misconduct form dated January 24, 1998, involving inmate [redacted] advised this incident occurred at lunch time, 12:00 p.m., when the inmates would be out of their cells and eating lunch.

[redacted] stated his normal procedure was to have the inmates exit their cells in groups of six or seven. Once all the inmates are out of their cells, he then walks through the cell block and inspects the cells. On this particular date and time, he discovered [redacted] bed was unmade and there were items left on the table. [redacted] advised he examined the items and determined they belonged to [redacted]

[redacted] advised after lunch, 12:15 p.m., as indicated on the form, he advised [redacted] of the misconduct and the resulting lock-down period, after which [redacted] signed the form. [redacted] added [redacted] did not protest or offer any explanation for the misconduct. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised the normal inmate population in C block is between 40-45 inmates. [redacted] further advised from his position at the control panel, all of the cells are visible. From that position and during the process of releasing inmates from their cells, he is able to observe the inmates as they exit their cells. [redacted] added there would not be opportunity for an inmate to enter another inmate's cell without being observed. b6 b7C

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[REDACTED] advised he was familiar with [REDACTED] who, at one time, had also been assigned to C block. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was not a problem and described him as quiet. [REDACTED] added [REDACTED] was also known to be a jailhouse snitch, who would do anything to get out of jail, and the other inmates were also aware this. [REDACTED] stated he could not recall any specific instances involving conversations between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/19/98

[redacted] for  
Congressman JOHN P. MURTHA, 12th Congressional District,  
P.O. Box 780, Johnstown, PA 15907, [redacted] was  
interviewed at his place of employment. [redacted] was aware of the  
identity of the interviewing Agent and also present during the  
interview was Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted]  
[redacted] was interviewed regarding threats made by  
[redacted] against [redacted] and Congressman MURTHA. [redacted]  
provided the following information:

[redacted] advised he has been employed as Congressman  
MURTHA's [redacted] since 1987. In this position,  
[redacted] attends meetings, and meets with  
constituents on behalf of Congressman MURTHA. [redacted] added  
constituents have access to the Congressman's office and he  
[redacted] attempts to go the extra step for those constituents and  
tries to help constituents who come to the office.

[redacted] advised he was not able to locate any record to  
reflect [redacted] had written letters to Congressman MURTHA's  
office. However, [redacted] added a review of their records reflected  
two scheduled meetings with [redacted]. The records reflected the  
first meeting was scheduled with [redacted] at the Johnstown office,  
on Tuesday, June 25, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. The records further  
reflected the purpose of the meeting was "idea for city and  
surrounding area." [redacted] added he was not able to recall this  
particular meeting or remember any details of the meeting. The  
records also reflected [redacted] had a meeting scheduled with [redacted]  
at the Incline Plane on July 2, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. [redacted] advised  
this meeting occurred as scheduled, as [redacted] was insistent [redacted]  
see his plan. [redacted] provided copies of the pertinent District  
Staff Schedules, which are attached and made a part hereto.

[redacted] advised he went alone to meet with [redacted] at the  
Incline Plane. [redacted] stated [redacted] was already at the Incline  
Plane when he arrived. [redacted] recalled [redacted] was wearing jeans  
and a shirt and carrying a pizza box. [redacted] also added they met  
outside the Incline Plane and did not enter either the bar or  
restaurant. [redacted] requested [redacted] to accompany him to the  
observation deck at the Incline Plane so he could point out the

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appropriate points of his plan. [REDACTED] had drawn the plan on the pizza box and proceeded to explain his plans for skiing areas and monorails. While doing so, [REDACTED] pointed to the areas of Westmont, Prospect, Richland, Johnstown Airport, and Galeria Mall, and the location of the parks as drawn on the pizza box.

[REDACTED] advised after [REDACTED] described his plan, he [REDACTED] pointed out to [REDACTED] due to the contour of the area, the monorail "supports would be like the Eiffel Tower" thereby blocking the views [REDACTED] described. During this conversation, [REDACTED] also related he would initially need \$60 million to get the project started. [REDACTED] stated he told [REDACTED] he [REDACTED] would need to have a sponsor for the project, such as JARI, Johnstown Area Regional Industries. In addition, [REDACTED] suggested [REDACTED] contact the Johnstown Economic Development Office and the meeting ended. [REDACTED] added, at no time, did [REDACTED] state he was going to run for elected office.

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[REDACTED] advised there has not been any contact, by letter or telephone, with [REDACTED] since that meeting. [REDACTED] added he read [REDACTED] letters to the editor which appeared in The Tribune Democrat newspaper. In addition, [REDACTED] advised he was aware of [REDACTED] subsequent arrest by the Richland Township Police Department (RTPD) for threatening people with a knife. He became aware of this incident by hearing police broadcasts on his scanner.

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[REDACTED] advised on December 3, 1997, he was informed by RTPD Officer [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had made threats against his life, as well as the life of Congressman MURTHA. [REDACTED] stated he subsequently notified Special Agent [REDACTED] FBI, Johnstown, PA, and requested the West Hills Regional Police be notified to increase patrols in the vicinity of Congressman MURTHA's residence.

[REDACTED] further advised he owns a 1977 Gold Lincoln Continental which he keeps in the garage at his residence. [REDACTED] added he also has two other vehicles, a green 1986 Ford Bronco and a blue 1988 GMC truck, which are his primary use vehicles.

[REDACTED] stated he is familiar with Carman's Wholesale Tires (CWT), as he has purchased tires for his vehicles from CWT since 1967. [REDACTED] advised he has no connection with Erie

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Insurance Company, Laurel Ford, or [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Waterproofing Company. [REDACTED] further advised he has been personal friends with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] for over 20 years. [REDACTED] over the years, has also been a contributor to the election of Congressman MURTHA. [REDACTED] added he is familiar with [REDACTED] as well as [REDACTED] his Chief of Security. [REDACTED] denied any involvement with these individuals or anyone else in a conspiracy against [REDACTED]

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## District Staff's Schedule

Subject: BC - Meeting on recovering metals from mine drainage  
Place: CTC Environmental Center - Johnstown

**June 25, 1996 (Tuesday)**  
**Appointments**

**Time: 8:00am**

Subject: ☐ - ☐ Leave

**Time: 9:00am**

Subject: ☐ Mtg - ☐  
Place: Johnstown Office  
Re: St. Clair Road flood damage

**Time: 9:00am**

Subject: ☐ - Field Representative - ☐  
Place: Connellsville Office

**Time: 9:30am**

Subject: ☐ Mtg - ☐  
Place: Johnstown Office  
Re: idea for city & surrounding area

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**Time: 10:00am**

Subject: ☐ Mtg - ☐  
Place: Johnstown Office

**Time: 11:00am**

Subject: ☐ Tour Mine Discharge & Rattling Run Waterfalls  
Place: Apollo  
Meet with ☐ who will show him the problem.

**July 1, 1996 (10:40am)**

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 5/18/98

[redacted] [redacted] Date of Birth [redacted]  
[redacted] Laurel Ford, 135 Ford Drive, Windber, PA, [redacted]  
was interviewed at his place of employment. [redacted] provided  
copies of Laurel Ford documents regarding the repair of a 1983 Ford Ranger Truck owned by [redacted] These copies are  
attached and made a part hereto.

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AUTOMOTIVE REBUILDERS  
1505 HIGH STREET  
PO BOX 26845 RICHMOND VA 23261-6845  
804-643-5600 800-900-3673

Description	Manufacturer	Qty	Part Number	Part Price	Labor Hours	Total Charge
Cylinder Head, R&R or Gasket, Renew: (B) Includes: Remove Carbon And Make All Necessary Adjustments. NOTE: With AC, Add		1	Labor Rate A		4.8	\$192.00
		1	Labor Rate A		0.4	\$16.00
Total Labor Hours at rate A (\$40.00 / Hour).....					5.20 Hours	
Total Labor Cost.....				\$	208.00	
Information Access Charge.....					N/C	
Estimate Total.....				\$	208.00	

Customer Signature

Date

CENTRAL PARTS DISTRIBUTOR

LAUREL FORD  
101 THIRD STREET  
WINDER, PA  
15963

AS PER FORD TIME STANDARD  
AUTH# 5003

08/27 290.61 0.00 290.61

TOTAL= \$290.61

08/27/97

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CENTRAL PARTS DISTRIBUTOR  
1112 SOUTH FIRST STREET  
ALTOONA, PA 16602  
PH: 814-946-8771

MIDSTATE BANK & TRUST  
ALTOONA, PA  
60-119/313

\*\*\* TWO HUNDRED NINETY & 61/100 DOLLARS

PAY

TO THE ORDER OF LAUREL FORD  
101 THIRD STREET  
WINDER, PA 15963

DATE

AMOUNT

08/27/97 \*\*\*\*\*\$290.61

CALL 1-800-526-1272



## LAUREL FORD

Telephone (814) 467-5565 101 Third Street  
Windber, Pennsylvania 15963

Central Parts Distributor  
1112 South First Street  
Altoona Pa. 16602

C/O

Dear

In reference to repair order #27338, please note that the total repair cost was 603.15. This vehicle was towed into our shop on 7/7/97 at the request of erie insurance company  was the claims adjuster. Previous to being at Laurel Ford the vehicle was at Carmens Tires, where attempts to repair the vehicle failed.

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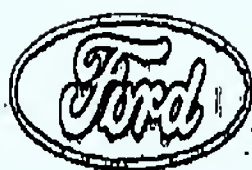
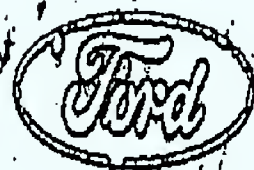
As noted on the back of our repair order, our technician claimed only actual time to repair the vehicle. Because the vehicle had been worked on previously, this made his job even more difficult. Someone needs to be responsible for paying for diagnostics and related problems that led to the headgasket being discovered.

If Central Parts and or its vendor are not willing to pay us only for our actual time invested, than the only thing I can do is contact erie insurance and have them subrogate for payment.

I sincerely appreciate the offer of 290.61 but feel we are entitled to the full amount requested, we stand behind everything we do in business and I believe we are entitled to be paid for our hard work.

Thank You

(814) 467-5565

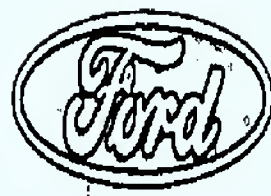


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# LAUREL FORD

135 Ford Drive  
WINDBER, PA 15963  
(814) 467-5565



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DATE: 12/01/97 VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NO. [REDACTED] MILEAGE IN: 58345 MILEAGE OUT: [REDACTED] YR: 83 MAKE: FORD MODEL: TRUCK STOCK NO. 0004687 IN SVC. DATE: 41.000030419

SVC. ADV. LICENSE NO.

TIME IN: 14:16 PROGRAM CODE: [REDACTED] APPROVAL: [REDACTED] COMMIT: [REDACTED] INSTALLED: [REDACTED] DATE: [REDACTED] MILES: [REDACTED]

CUSTOMER: [REDACTED]  
PHONE NUMBERS: 0000  
HOME: [REDACTED]  
BUS: [REDACTED]

COMMENTS: [REDACTED] PARTS: [REDACTED]  
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PROMISED DATE/TIME

12/01/97 00:00  
DATE REC'D. DATE NOTIFIED

120197 120397  
P.O. NUMBERS

TECH	DESCRIPTION
A	CHECK FOR OIL LEAKS
B	DECREASED ENGINE / REPAIRED REPR BEPARTOR BOX
C	[REDACTED]
D	[REDACTED]

TECH	REC. MAINTENANCE	PRICE
01	LUBE, OIL, FILTER	
02	CHECK EXHAUST SYS.	
03	MANUAL TRANS. SERVICE	
04	TRIP CHECK	
05	SAFETY CHECK	
06	AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION SERV	
07	COOLING SYSTEM FLUSH	
08	FRONT END ALIGNMENT	
09	WHEEL BALANCE	
10	AIR COND. SERVICE	
11	BRAKE SERVICE	
12	AIR FILTER	
13	ROTATE TIRES	
14	STEERING, CHASSIS INSP.	
15	TUNE UP	
16	AIM HEADLIGHTS	
17	SERVICE WHEEL BEARING	
18	FUEL SYSTEM	
19	HOSES & BELTS	

COST	LC	QTY	EC	FC	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	LC	TIME	R	FC	EC	OPERATION CODE	OPERATION DESCRIPTION	TOTALS
								A	2.000				18M	REPR BEPARTOR BOX	18.00

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TYPE	COST	ACCOUNT	SALE	TYPE	COST	ACCOUNT	SALE	TOTALS
								PARTS AMOUNT
								LABOR AMOUNT
								MISCELLANEOUS SALES
								MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS
								TOTAL CHARGES
								DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT
								SALES TAX
								CUSTOMER PAY
								OTHER PAY

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CUSTOMER SIGNATURE

[REDACTED]

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 08-09-2007 BY 60322 UCBAW/SJS

CUSTOMER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. TECHNICIAN COMMENTS ON ADDITIONAL NEEDED REPAIRS

- DELGAGE MOTOR
- DIAGNOSIS FOR OIL LEAK
- REPAIR SEPARATOR BOX - BLOWING OIL OUT

## 2. RESULTS OF SERVICE ADVISOR'S CONTACT WITH CUSTOMER

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# LAUREL FORD

101 Third Street  
WINDBER, PA 15963  
(814) 467-5565



TERMS: STRICTLY CASH UNLESS ARRANGEMENTS MADE  
I hereby authorize the repair work hereinafter set forth to be done along with the necessary material and agree that you are not responsible for loss or damage to vehicle or articles left in vehicle in case of fire, theft or any other cause beyond your control or for any delay caused by unavailability of parts or delays in parts shipments by the supplier or transporter. I hereby grant you and/or your employees permission to operate the vehicle herein described on streets, highways or elsewhere for the purpose of testing and/or inspection. An express mechanic's lien is hereby acknowledged on below vehicle to secure the amount of repairs thereto.

SIGN. X \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 20197	VEHICLE ID NO.	MILEAGE: 58349	DELIVERY DATE	LICENSE NO.	YR: 83	MAKE AND MODEL: FORD TRUCK	CROSS REFERENCE	R.O. NUMBER: 0030419
STIMATED REPAIRS: 0.00		NAME		SMOG INSPECTION NO.		COLOR: BLUE	SWR NO. 41	DATE 120197 TIME PROMISED 0000
AMOUNT APPROVED	DATE	TIME	CITY/STATE/ZIP: JOHNSTOWN PA 15904		PAYMENT METHOD: CASH		HOME PHONE	
CUSTOMER SIGNATURE		P.O. NUMBER		CUSTOMER NO. 0004689	STOCK NO.	SELLING CODE	LABOR RATE PER HOUR: \$ 41.00	TAG NUMBER 0000
O. No.		SUBLET REPAIRS		PRICE		TECH. NUMBER		DOCUMENT NUMBER
COMMENTS:								

LINE	OPERATION CODE	DESCRIPTION	LABOR INSTRUCTIONS	TYPE	RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE
		CHECK FOR OIL LEAKS			01 LUBE, OIL, FILTER
		OIL SEPARATOR BOX FOR PCV SYSTEM OUT OF HOLD			02 CHECK EXHAUST SYS.
		NO EMISSION BLOCK RE INSTALLED			03 MANUAL TRANS. SERVICE
					04 TRIP CHECK
					05 SAFETY CHECK
					06 AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION SERV.
					07 COOLING SYSTEM FLUSH
					08 FRONT END ALIGNMENT
					09 WHEEL BALANCE
					10 AIR COND. SERVICE
					11 BRAKE SERVICE
					12 AIR FILTER
					13 ROTATE TIRES
					14 STEERING, CHASSIS INSP.
					15 TUNE UP
					16 AIM HEADLIGHTS
					17 SERVICE WHEEL BEARING
					18 FUEL SYSTEM
					19 HOSES & BELTS

LABOR RECORD					
NAME	EMPL. NO.	OPEN. NO.	COST	TIME ELAP.	TIME CLOCK

**CUSTOMER'S NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. TECHNICIAN COMMENTS ON ADDITIONAL NEEDED REPAIRS

## 2. RESULTS OF SERVICE ADVISOR'S CONTACT WITH CUSTOMER

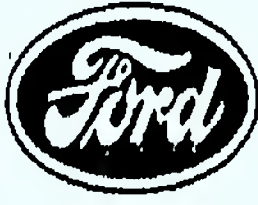
**CONCERN** NO START

**CAUSE** Blown cylinder head Gasket

**CORRECTED** TEAR DOWN ENGINE FOR INSPECTION  
DISCOVERED BAD HEAD GASKET CARB + INTAKE LOOSE  
INSTALLED PARTS, SET TIMING + ADJUSTED

[illegible]

(814) 467-5565



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**'SIGN. X**

TE	VEHICLE ID NO.	MILEAGE	DELIVERY DATE	LICENSE NO.	YR	MAKE AND MODEL	CROSS REFERENCE	R.O. NUMBER
70797		53605			83	FORD TRUCK		0027338
ESTIMATED REPAIRS		0.00						DATE 070797
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				b7C		PAYMENT METHOD		HOME PHONE
						CASH		
						INSPECTION MONTH		BUSINESS PHONE
						00		
CUSTOMER SIGNATURE			JOHNSTOWN PA 15904					
P. O. NO.	SUBLET REPAIRS	PRICE	P. O. NUMBER	CUSTOMER NO.	STOCK NO.	SELLING CODE	LABOR RATE PER HOUR	TAG NUMBER
				0004689			\$ 38.00	
COMMENTS:						TECH. NUMBER		DOCUMENT NUMBER

LINE	OPERATION CODE	DESCRIPTION	LABOR INSTRUCTIONS	TYPE	RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE
		VEHICLE TOWED-IN / NO START	F322-6051-C F372-6584A F322-6065-FA	C S	01 LUBE, OIL, FILTER 02 CHECK EXHAUST SYS. 03 MANUAL TRANS. SERVICE 04 TRIP CHECK 05 SAFETY CHECK 06 AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION SERV.
					07 COOLING SYSTEM FLUSH 08 FRONT END ALIGNMENT 09 WHEEL BALANCE 10 AIR COND. SERVICE 11 BRAKE SERVICE 12 AIR FILTER 13 ROTATE TIRES 14 STEERING, CHASSIS INSP. 15 TUNE UP 16 AIM HEADLIGHTS 17 SERVICE WHEEL BEARING 18 FUEL SYSTEM 19 HOSES & BELTS
					\$5000
					UNIV. INV# 24173 PO# 22294

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Congressman JOHN P. MURTHA, 12th Congressional District,  
P.O. Box 780, Johnstown, PA 15907, [redacted] provided a  
copy of a letter received at the offices of Congressman MURTHA.  
The letter, dated May 11, 1998, from [redacted] was received  
on May 13, 1998. A copy of the letter is attached and made a  
part hereto.

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[redacted] Prothonatary, Clearfield County,  
P.O. Box 549, Clearfield, PA 16830, [redacted] was contacted  
regarding [redacted] advised a review of his records  
reflected several incidents in Clearfield County, where charges  
had been filed against [redacted] advised copies would be  
provided; however a formal request by letter would have to be  
submitted.

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[redacted] in response to a formal request, subsequently  
provided copies of appropriate documents regarding [redacted]  
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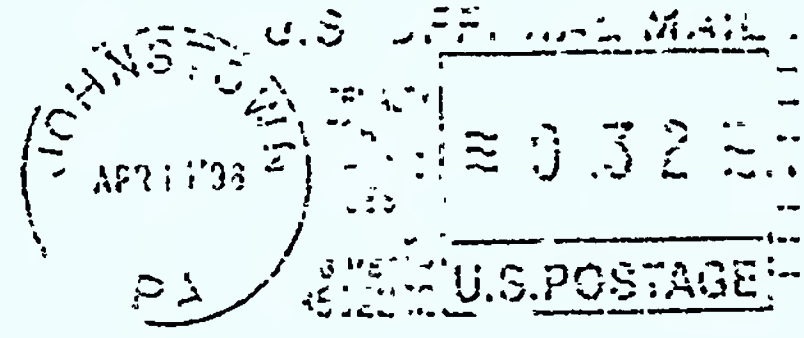
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DATE:	980218
RE:	CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE
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NOTES: JUST REALISED THAT MY STAFF  
DIDNT FORWARD YOU A COPY OF  
THE CONGRESSMAN'S SCHEDULE

**Murtha, John**

**Monday, February 16, 1998**

8:00 AM-8:30 AM

(Jtown Office) Mtg Dr [REDACTED]

8:30 AM-9:00 AM

(Jtown Office) Mtg [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

9:00 AM-9:30 AM

(Jtown Office) Mtg Drs [REDACTED] and Mr [REDACTED]

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9:30 AM-10:00 AM

(Jtown Office) Mtg Mr [REDACTED]

Laurel Tech - [REDACTED]

11:00 AM-12:00 PM

(121 W Second Ave, Latrobe) Visit to Emergency Room - Latrobe Hospital - [REDACTED]

Dr [REDACTED] Medical Director

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**Tuesday, February 17, 1998**

9:00 AM-9:30 AM

(Jtown Office) Mtg Mr [REDACTED]

et al - [REDACTED] - Ext 11

9:30 AM-10:00 AM

(Jtown Office) Mtg Mr [REDACTED]

10:00 AM-10:30 AM

(Jtown Office) Mtg Mr [REDACTED]

10:30 AM-11:00 AM

(Jtown Office) Mtg Ms [REDACTED]

Ex Dir and Mr [REDACTED]

Fin Dir -

Community Home Health Care [REDACTED]

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1:00 PM-1:45 PM

(Kuchera Industries, 345 Hillside Dr, Windber) Press Conference - Official kick off of Raytheon

[REDACTED] Surface

Search Radar Coast Guard and Navy contacts

[REDACTED] - Dr [REDACTED] will be bringing

Ms [REDACTED] EX Dir of OVR for PA

**Wednesday, February 18, 1998**

8:30 AM-9:30 AM

(495 Country Club Road, Indiana) Breakfast - Executive Committee - Indiana Chamber of Commerce

Contact [REDACTED]

Indiana Country Club - 724 465 5322

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6:00 PM-7:30 PM

(University Room, Living/Learning Center/UPJ, Jtown) Dinner with Dr and Mrs [REDACTED]

8:00 PM-9:30 PM

(UPJ, Jtown) Attending DAMN YANKEES! - Pasquerilla Center for the Performing Arts - to be preceded by dinner - further details to follow

**Friday, February 20, 1998**

Murtha, John

8:00 AM-8:45 AM

Depart Union Station on Metroliner - Club Car - for Philadelphia - Arriving 9:43 am

2:11 PM-4:00 PM

(2:11 pm) Departs Philadelphia on Metroliner Club Car for Union Station arriving 3:59 pm

**Saturday, February 21, 1998**

12:00 PM-1:30 PM

(Army-Navy Club, Washington) Originals' Luncheon -

Tuesday, June 2, 1998

# Prosecution is dealt a blow

By DEBRA S. MOFFITT  
THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT

## Judge tosses Fenton's statements

A federal court judge has thrown out statements made by the man accused of threatening to kill U.S. Rep. John Murtha, D-Johnstown, because it's unclear if Donald Lee Fenton understood his rights before he started talking with police.

The ruling, which could weaken the prosecution's case, suppresses statements Fenton made to law enforcement officers in December 1997.

Federal prosecutor Leon Rodriguez couldn't be reached for comment Monday.

Federal Public Defender Marketa Sims, who represents Fenton, said only that the ruling "speaks for itself."

Three police officers visited Fenton at the Orchard Hotel on Dec. 3, but never read him his Miranda rights, federal Judge D. Brooks Smith said in the ruling. Fenton allowed them to enter but likely did not feel free to leave, Smith wrote.

Stonycreek Township Police Officer Kevin Price went to Fenton's residence at the hotel with the hope of detaining him while they waited for officials from Crisis, Cambria County's mental health agency, Smith wrote. Fenton was then taken to Memorial Medical Center for a psychiatric evaluation.

The day he was to be released from the hos-

pital, Price arrested Fenton, 41, on charges of terroristic threats and harassment. Price read Fenton his Miranda rights then, but failed to confirm that he understood them, Smith said. He also didn't have Fenton sign a waiver of his rights, as is customary, Smith said.

Price may have contributed to Fenton's confusion by telling him, "It's no big deal" at District Magistrate Leonard Grecek's office, Smith wrote.

After his arrest, Fenton spoke with two FBI agents and two Capitol police officers at Grecek's office, Smith also suppressed statements Fenton made in that interview.



Fenton

In January, Fenton was indicted on federal charges of threatening to assassinate Murtha and kill one of his aides.

Fenton, who spent three months in jail, has been released, but must wear an electronic monitoring device. His trial is scheduled for July 6 in Johnstown's federal court.

Fenton, riled by mechanical problems with his truck, allegedly threatened to kill an insurance agent and "blow Congressman Murtha's head off," according to the charges against him.

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THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT  
JOHNSTOWN, PA  
Date: 6/2/98  
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Title: Congress, W.D.C. - visited  
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## Accomplishment Report

Accomplishment must be reported and loaded into IS  
within 30 days from date of accomplishment)Date Prepared 7/8/98Date Loaded 7/14/98Data Loader's Initials CLMSquad supervisor approval  
(please initial)

Accomplishment involves:  
(check all that apply)

Drugs ☐  
A Fugitive ☐  
Bankruptcy Fraud ☐  
Computer Fraud/Abuse ☐  
Corruption of Public Officials ☐  
Forfeiture Assets ☐  
Sub Invest Asst by FO (s) ☐

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Task Force

Assisting Agencies x •  
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Stat Agent Name

RA Squad  
JRA 10

Assisting Agents Soc. Sec. No. x

1.         

Name:

2.         

Name:

## Investigative Assistance or Technique Used

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Rate	FO	IAT	Rate	FO	IAT	Rate	FO	IAT	Rate	FO	IAT
				Fln. Analyst			Lab. Div. Exam			UCO - Group I	
				Aircraft Asst.			Lab. Field Sup			UCO - Group II	
				Computer			Pen Registers			UCO - Nat. Back	
				Consen Mon.			Photo Cover.			NCAVC / VI - CAP	
				Elsur / FISC			Polygraph			Crim Intel Asst	
				Elsur / T. III			Search Warrant			Crisis Neg. - Fed.	
				Eng. Field Spt.			Show Money			Crisis Neg. - Local	
				Eng. Tape Ex			SOG Asst.			ERT Asst.	
				Legats Asst.			Swat Team			Butte - ITC	
				Evid Purchase			Tech. Ag/Equip			Sav - ITC	
				Inf/CW Info.			Phone Toll Rec			Poc - WRCSC	

## A. Complaint / Information / Indictment

☐ Federal ☐ Local ☐ InternationalComplaint Date   Check if Civil Rico Complaint ☐Information Date   Indictment Date   

## B. Locate/ Arrest

☐ Federal ☐ Local ☐ InternationalSubject Priority: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ CLocate Date   Arrest Date   ☐ Subject Resisted Arrest☐ Subject Arrested was Armed

## C. Summons

☐ Federal ☐ LocalSummons Date   

## H. Conviction

☒ Federal ☐ Local ☐ InternationalConviction Date: 7/8/98Subject Description Code: 8A • ( ) •

For 6F, G, H--Include Agency Code

☒ Felony Or ☐ Misdemeanor☐ Plea Or ☒ TrialState: PA Judicial District: WDD. Hostage(s) Released Date   Released by: ☐ Terrorist ☐ OtherNumber of Hostages:   Child Located Date   

## E. Recovery / Restitution / PELP x

☐ Federal ☐ Local ☐ InternationalRecovery Date   

Code • Amount

	\$
	\$

Restitution Date   ☐ Court Ordered☐ Pretrial Diversion

Code • Amount

	\$
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PELP Date   

Code • Amount

	\$
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## I. U.S. Code Violations

Required for Sections A, B, F, and H  
(Federal only)

Title	Section	# of Counts
<u>18</u>	<u>1172)(B)</u>	<u>1</u>

F. Civil Rico Matters Date   

Also Complete Section I

or

Other Civil Matters Date   Judgment   Judicial Outcome    x •Amount: \$   

Suspension:

Years	Months

G. Administrative Sanctions Date   Subject Description Code   

Type: Length:

☐ Suspension ☐ Permanent☐ Debarment ☐☐ Injunction

Years	Months

J. Sentence Date:   Sentence type:   

In-Jail		Suspended		Probation	
Years	Months	Years	Months	Years	Months

Fines: \$   

## K. Acquittal / Dismissal / Pretrial Diversion

Acquittal Date   Dismissal Date   Pretrial Diversion Date   

## L. Subject Information (Required for all Sections excluding Section D (Hostages) and E (Recovery/PELP))

		Race •	Sex	Date of Birth	Social Security No. (if available)
	b6 b7C	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>		

For Indictments/Convictions only:

☐ Subject related to an LCN, Asian Organized Crime (AOC), Italian Organized Crime (IOC), Russian/Eastern European, Caribbean, or Nigerian Organized Crime Group - Complete FD-515a, Side 1 and Side 2.☐ Subject related to an OC/Drug Organization, a VCMO Program National Gang Strategy target group, or a VCMO Program National Priority Initiative target group - Complete FD-515a, Side 2.

x Additional information may be added by attaching another form or a plain sheet of paper for additional entries.

• See codes on reverse side.

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For Further Instructions See: MAOP, Part 1, Sections 3-5 thru 3-5.3.

PROPERTY CODES

01 Cash  
02 Stocks, Bonds or Negot. Instruments  
03 General Retail Merchandise  
04 Vehicles  
05 Heavy Machinery & Equipment  
06 Aircraft  
07 Jewelry  
08 Vessels  
09 Art, Antiques or Rare Collections  
11 Real Property  
20 All Other

SENTENCE TYPES

CP Capital Punishment  
JS Jail Sentence  
LS Life Sentence  
NS No Sentence (Subject is a Fugitive,  
Insane, has Died, or is a  
Corporation)  
PB Probation  
SJ Suspension of Jail Sentence  
YC Youth Correction Act

PELP CODES

22 Counterfeit  
Stocks/Bonds/Currency/  
Negotiable Instruments  
23 Counterfeit/Pirated Sound  
Recordings or Motion Pictures  
24 Bank Theft Scheme Aborted  
25 Ransom, Extortion or Bribe  
Demand Aborted  
26 Theft From or Fraud Against  
Government Scheme Aborted  
27 Commercial or Industrial  
Theft Scheme Aborted  
30 All Other

RACE CODES

A Asian/Pacific Islander  
B Black  
I Indian/American  
U Unknown  
W White  
X Nonindividual

AGENCY CODES

ACIS Army Criminal Investigative Service  
BATF Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms  
BIA Bureau of Indian Affairs  
DCAA Defense Contract Audit Agency  
DCIS Defense Criminal Investigative Service  
DEA Drug Enforcement Administration  
DOC Department of Corrections  
DOI Dept. of Interior  
EPA Environmental Protection Agency  
FAA Federal Aviation Administration  
FDA Food and Drug Administration  
HHS Dept. of Health & Human Services  
HUD Dept. of Housing & Urban Development  
INS Immigration and Naturalization Service  
IRS Internal Revenue Service  
NASA Nat'l Aeronautics & Space Admin  
NBIS Nat'l NARC Border Interdiction  
NCIS Naval Criminal Investigative Service  
RCMP Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
SBA Small Business Administration  
USBP U.S. Border Patrol  
USCG U.S. Coast Guard  
USCS U.S. Customs Service  
USDS U.S. Department of State  
USMS U.S. Marshals Service  
USPS U.S. Postal Service  
USSS U.S. Secret Service  
USTR U.S. Treasury  
LOC Local  
CITY City  
COUN County  
ST State  
OTHR Other

JUDGMENT CODES

CJ Consent Judgment  
CO Court Ordered Settlement  
DF Default Judgment  
DI Dismissal  
JN Judgment Notwithstanding  
MJ Mixed Verdict  
SJ Summary Judgment  
VD Verdict for Defendant  
VP Verdict for Plaintiff

JUDICIAL OUTCOME

AG Agreement  
BR Barred/Removed  
CC Civil Contempt  
DC Disciplinary Charges  
FI Fine  
PI Preliminary Injunction  
PR Temporary Restraining Order  
PS Pre-filing Settlement  
RN Restitution  
SP Suspension  
VR Voluntary Resignation  
OT Other

SUBJECT PRIORITY

A Subject wanted for crimes of violence  
(i.e., murder, manslaughter, forcible  
rape) against another individual or  
convicted of such a crime in the past  
five years  
B Subject wanted for crimes involving  
loss or destruction of property valued in  
excess of \$25,000 or convicted of such  
a crime in the past five years.  
C All other subjects.

SUBJECT DESCRIPTION CODES

ORGANIZED CRIME  
SUBJECTS

1F Boss  
1G Underboss  
1H Consigliere  
1J Acting Boss  
1K Capodecina  
1L Soldier

KNOWN CRIMINALS

2A Top Ten or I.O. Fugitive  
2B Top Thief  
2C Top Con Man

FOREIGN NATIONALS

3A Legal Alien  
3B Illegal Alien  
3C Foreign Official W/out  
Diplomatic Immunity  
3D U.N. Employee W/out  
Diplomatic Immunity  
3E Foreign Student  
3F All Others

OTHERS

8A All Other Subjects  
8B Company or Corporation

TERRORISTS

4A Known Member of a  
Terrorist Organization  
4B Possible Terrorist Member  
or Sympathizer

UNION MEMBERS

5D President  
5E Vice-President  
5F Treasurer  
5G Secretary/Treasurer  
5H Executive Board Member  
5I Business Agent  
5J Representative  
5K Organizer  
5L Business Manager  
5M Financial Secretary  
5N Recording Secretary  
5P Office Manager  
5Q Clerk  
5R Shop Steward  
5S Member  
5T Trustee  
5U Other

GOVERNMENT SUBJECTS  
(6F, 6G, 6H- Include Agency Code)

6A Presidential Appointee  
6B U.S. Senator/Staff  
6C U.S. Representative/Staff  
6D Federal Judge/Magistrate  
6E Federal Prosecutor  
6F Federal Law Enforcement Officer  
6G Federal Employee - GS 13 & Above  
6H Federal Employee - GS 12 & Below  
6J Governor  
6K Lt. Governor  
6L State Legislator  
6M State Judge/Magistrate  
6N State Prosecutor  
6P State Law Enforcement Officer  
6Q State - All Others  
6R Mayor  
6S Local Legislator  
6T Local Judge/Magistrate  
6U Local Prosecutor  
6V Local Law Enforcement Officer  
6W Local - All Others  
6X County Commissioner  
6Y City Councilman

BANK EMPLOYEES

7A Bank Officer  
7B Bank Employee

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Report Date: 07/15/1998  
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COMPUTER ASST	PEN REGISTERS	UCO-OTHER	NON FBI LAB EX
CONSEN MONITR	PHOTO COVERGE	NCAVC/VI-CAP	VICT-WITN COOR
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ENG TAPE EXAM	SOG ASST	ERT ASST	
LEGATS ASST.	SWAT TEAM	BUTTE-ITC	
EVIDNCE PURCH	TECH AG/EQUIP	SAVANNAH-ITC	
INFORMANT/CW	TEL TOLL RECS	POC-WRCSC	

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Felony or Misdemeanor (F/M) . . . . . : F

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Judicial District. . . . . : WD  
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Scope = N/A OR NONE

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 6/10/98

[redacted] Fox Channel 8 News, Johnstown, Pennsylvania (PA), [redacted] was contacted. [redacted] was advised of the identity of the contacting Agent and the nature of the inquiry regarding [redacted] provided the following information:

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[redacted] advised on Tuesday, May 26, 1998, [redacted] Fox Channel 8 Newsman, was contacted by [redacted] added [redacted] occasionally calls the station and speaks to [redacted] During this particular call, [redacted] related he was to appear in court at District Magistrate MUSELIN's office on May 29, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. [redacted] added to her knowledge, no press conference had been scheduled by [redacted] In addition, [redacted] advised in her position as assignment editor, she assigns coverage to news worthy events. [redacted] added she had not assigned any coverage regarding [redacted]

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Congressman JOHN P. MURTHA, 12th Congressional District,  
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[redacted] Fox Channel 8 News, regarding information concerning  
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[redacted] who related "he had something to announce" and was going  
to hold a press conference on May 29, 1998, at 11:00 a.m. at the  
office of District Magistrate MUSELIN.

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[redacted] advised Congressman MURTHA was also scheduled to  
hold a press conference at 10:30 a.m. at the Cambria County War  
Memorial, Johnstown, PA. [redacted] expressed some concern regarding  
the substance of [redacted] press conference and any possible link  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On May 29, 1998, Special Agent (SA) [redacted] contacted the office of District Magistrate Judge MICHAEL MUSELIN, 401 Washington Street, 5th Floor, Johnstown, PA, [redacted]. The purpose of the contact was to verify a scheduled court appearance for [redacted]. A secretary in the District Justice MUSELIN's office, [redacted] confirmed [redacted] was scheduled to appear in court at 10:30 a.m. in reference to a civil suit regarding his occupation as a private contractor. b6 b7C

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# Fed trial continuing for man charged in threats

By JASON GREEN  
THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT

The trial of a Geistown man, charged with threatening to kill U.S. Rep. John Murtha, will continue in federal court today as defense attorneys cross examine an insurance agent who also was allegedly threatened after problems flared over truck repairs.

Donald Lee Fenton, 41, of the 2400 block of Bedford Street, is standing trial on one count of assault, stemming from a January indictment.

In a Dec. 3 telephone conversation, Fenton allegedly threatened to kill Murtha, D-Johnstown, John Hugya, who serves as the congressman's aide, insurance agent Randy Leventry and other employees in the insurance office after Fenton had mechan-

ical problems with his truck.

On Monday afternoon, a jury of 10 women and two men were selected to hear the case, being presented before District Judge D. Brooks Smith in Johnstown.

The prosecution moved forward with its case in the trial, expected to last about three days.

A second assault charge against Fenton, for threatening Hugya, was dismissed last week by Smith, as he ruled Hugya is not a protected government official. Under federal law, it is illegal to threaten assault, kidnap or murder a United States official.

Officials include the president, president-elect, vice president, vice president-elect, a member of Congress, a member-elect of Congress, a

member of the executive branch who is the head of a department and the CIA director.

While dismissing the charge in federal court because it didn't fall under his jurisdiction, Smith said the threats still are deserving of punishment and should be dealt with by the Cambria County District Attorney's office.

In a February plea agreement, Fenton was released from Cambria County jail on \$25,000 recognizance bond.

The court ordered Fenton to look for a job and keep all scheduled medical appointments.

He also must wear a monitoring device.

Fenton's trial had been scheduled for May in Pittsburgh, but was postponed when defense attorney Mar-



**Donald Fenton**

Released on \$25,000 bond.

ta Sims of the federal public defender's office filed a motion to dismiss the charges against her client.

Brooks' latest ruling cleared the way for the trial to begin.

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# The Tribune-Democrat

Wednesday, July 8, 1998

# Suspect: I can beat politician

## Fenton takes witness stand

By TED ZELLEM  
THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT

A 41-year-old self-employed Geis-town general contractor denied Tuesday that he physically wanted to kill U.S. Rep. John P. Murtha, D-Johnstown, but admitted saying, "I could kill him in the election."

Donald Lee Fenton testified unshakingly in his own defense in U.S. District Court, Johnstown, on a charge of threatening to assault and murder a federal official.

The prosecution and defense rested their cases after his testimony and the case is expected to go to the jury of 10 women and two men today.

Testimony also revealed Fenton verbally threatened to kill Randy Leventry, an insurance adjuster for Erie Insurance Co. in Richland Township, and employees of an auto dealership and "going to The Tribune-Democrat with guns ablazing."

Fenton denied all charges and contended his use of the word "kill" was a figure of speech.

The defendant began his testimony by telling of his own exclusive plan to revitalize the Johnstown area, complete with a mass transit system and ski resort to attract tourists. His plan including building a National Football League Stadium between Johnstown and Pittsburgh to coincide with the plan for high-speed rail service between the two cities.

He said he presented his plans last year to an executive of Johnstown Area Regional Industries, former Johnstown City Manager Ken Gearhart, and a Richland Township manager.

Although he contended his economic development plan required no government money, he said he also wanted to consult with Murtha. After writing three letters to Murtha's office, he arranged to meet

with John Hugya, the congressman's aide, at the Incline Station Restaurant.

Fenton said he was disappointed Murtha was not present. He contended that, during the session, Hugya indicated he wanted to "steal" the plans while two unidentified men arrived and watched the discussion. Fenton said Hugya went outside to his car and he later followed, fearing the two men would shoot him.

While trying to promote his economic development plan with government officials, Fenton said he was discouraged by government "red tape," and decided to campaign for Murtha's office.

"I've always been a career Republican," he explained. "I changed to

**"I've always been a  
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from day one."**

**Donald Lee Fenton**

Democrat. I was going after Murtha from day one."

Fenton's federal public defender attorney asked him to clarify.

"I was going after his job," he responded.

And Fenton

told of many mechanical problems with his truck that he needed for his contracting jobs. He maintained he was being followed and there was a conspiracy to prevent him from running for Murtha's congressional seat.

Leventry was handling an insurance claim for what Fenton claimed was damage to his truck by Carmen Wholesale Tires. The defendant said he grew frustrated that repeated repairs had to be made after the garage failed to refill the truck's engine with new oil after removing the old oil.

Before cross-examination began, Fenton's attorney asked: "Did you ever threaten to kill Murtha?"

The defendant said, "absolutely not."

The trial continues at 9:30 a.m. today with closing arguments.

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# Fenton convicted of threat

By TED ZELLEM  
THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT

A jury of 10 women and two men deliberated less than two hours Wednesday before convicting Donald Lee Fenton, 41, of threatening to assault and murder U.S. Rep. John P. Murtha, D-Johnstown.

Fenton, attired in a white sport coat and dark shirt, was convicted in U.S. District Court, Johnstown.

The self-employed general contractor from Geistown is free on bond.

He must wear an electronic monitoring device until pre-sentencing proceedings are completed within 60 days and he is sentenced by District Judge D. Brooks Smith.

Fenton could receive up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the federal crime.

"We are satisfied. The verdict speaks for itself," said Leon

## Man said he would kill Murtha

Rodrigues, prosecuting U.S. attorney.

Marketa Sims, Fenton's public defender, immediately filed a motion to dismiss the verdict. But Sims would not comment on the case publicly.

Both attorneys will file briefs on whether sufficient evidence was presented to support the verdict, and Smith will rule. An appeal or sentencing will follow.

When Fenton testified in his own defense Tuesday, he denied that he wanted to kill Murtha. However, he admitted using the word "kill" during a Dec. 3, 1997, heated conversation with Randy Leventry, an insurance adjuster for Erie Insurance Co.

in Richland Township. But Fenton said it was "a figure of speech."

The case evolved in 1996 when Fenton brainstormed ideas about revitalizing what he described as the economically distressed, flood-prone Johnstown region.

He told the jury his plans included introducing a mass transit system, developing a ski resort and building a National Football League Stadium between Johnstown and Pittsburgh.

Fenton said he could accomplish his goals without government money and by selling \$100 individual shares of stock.

Fenton testified that he met with John Hugya, an aide to Murtha, at the Incline Station Restaurant on his

ideas and was disappointed Murtha didn't attend.

Fenton switched his voter registration from Republican to Democrat and decided to become a candidate for Murtha's seat.

Meanwhile, Fenton testified to having numerous mechanical problems with his work truck and he implicated "dirty tricks" service by two local garages. He became suspicious and perceived he was being followed. He was unhappy with Leventry's handling of an insurance claim.

The case focused on the telephone conversation with Leventry. The insurance agent testified that he took notes during the conversation, which included threats by Fenton

that he would kill Murtha. Leventry called Stonycreek Township police. Charges of making 'terroristic threats and harassment were filed. The FBI was contacted.

Rodrigues claimed that evidence revealed that Fenton blamed Murtha for his problems and perceived a conspiracy to prevent him from running for Congress. Rodrigues exhibited a chart containing words such as "shoot Murtha," "kill," "guns and bullets," "guns blazing," and additional words taken from Fenton's conversation with Leventry.

Sims countered that the evidence revealed no violence or intent to kill.

"Fenton didn't pick up the phone and call Murtha. He didn't write threatening letters," she stated. "Butch (Fenton) lost his temper on the phone (to Leventry). He never intended to kill anyone."



**Donald Fenton**  
Facing more charges

Fenton still faces charges in Cambria County Court of making terroristic threats and harassing an insurance agent.

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The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown, Pa.

Wednesday, July 1, 1998

# Fenton trial begins on Monday

## Accused of death threats on Murtha, others

By JASON GREEN  
THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT

A Geistown man won another victory in federal court this week, but still will stand trial on charges he threatened to kill U.S. Rep. John Murtha, D-Johnstown.

Donald Lee Fenton, 41, of the 2400 block of Bedford Street, asked District Judge D. Brooks Smith to dismiss two federal counts of assault filed against him, stemming from a January indictment.

In a Dec. 3 telephone conversation, Fenton allegedly threatened to kill Murtha; John Hugya, the congressman's aide; insurance agent Randy Leventry; and others employed in an insurance office. Fenton was dealing with the office because of mechanical problems with his truck.

While Fenton still must stand trial on a charge that he threatened to kill Murtha, a charge that he threatened to kill Hugya was dismissed. Smith ruled that Hugya is not a protected government official.

Under federal law, it is illegal to threaten to assault, kidnap or murder a United States official. Those officials include the president, president-elect, vice president, vice president-elect, a member of Congress, a member-elect of Congress, a member of the executive branch who is the head

of a department and the CIA director.

"Hugya's role is to assist Congressman Murtha in the exercise of his congressional, sovereign power, not to exercise independently," Smith wrote in his ruling.

"Accordingly, Hugya cannot be deemed a federal officer or official..."

While dismissing the charge in federal court because it didn't fall under his jurisdiction, Smith said the threats still are deserving of punishment and should be dealt with by the Cambria County district attorney's office.

In a February plea agreement, Fenton was released from Cambria County jail on \$25,000 recognizance bond and ordered to look for a job and keep all scheduled medical appointments. He also must wear a monitoring device.

Fenton's trial had been scheduled for May in Pittsburgh, but was postponed when defense attorney Marketa Sims of the federal public defender's office filed a motion to dismiss the charges against her client. Brooks' latest ruling

clears the way for trial to begin Monday.

But prosecutors will be unable to use some of the statements Fenton made to police, because it's unclear whether he understood his rights prior to talking with officers in December.

Three officers visited Fenton at a hotel room on Dec. 3, but never read him his Miranda rights, Smith said in an earlier ruling.

Fenton allowed them to enter, but likely did not feel free to leave, Smith wrote.

Stonycreek Township Police Officer Kevin Price went to Fenton's residence at the hotel with the hope of detaining him until officials from Crisis, Cambria County's mental health agency, could arrive.

Fenton was then taken to Memorial Medical Center for a psychiatric evaluation.

The day he was released from the hospital, Price arrested Fenton on charges of terroristic threats and harassment. Price read Fenton his Miranda rights, but failed to confirm he understood them, Smith said.

He also did not have Fenton sign a waiver of his rights, which is a customary practice.

Price may have contributed to Fenton's confusion by telling him, "It's no big deal" at District Justice Leonard Grecek's office, Smith wrote.

After his arrest, Fenton spoke with a pair of FBI agents and two Capitol police officers at Grecek's office. Smith also suppressed statements Fenton made during that interview.



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The Indiana Gazette / Thursday, July 9, 1998

## News briefs

## Man guilty of threatening Murtha

JOHNSTOWN, Pa (AP) — A self-employed general contractor was convicted of threatening to assault and kill U.S. Rep. John Murtha because he was angry over what he perceived as attempts to keep him from running for Murtha's seat.

A U.S. District Court jury on Wednesday found Donald Lee Fenton, 41, guilty of threatening Murtha's life during a telephone conversation with an insurance adjuster.

His lawyer, Marketa Sims, immediately filed a motion to dismiss the verdict. She argued that the word "kill" was used only as a figure of speech during the conversation last December.

Fenton, who was free on bail, could be sentenced to up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Fenton believed he was being followed after he announced he would run for Murtha's seat, according to testimony. He complained about Murtha during a conversation with insurance adjuster Randy Leventry. Leventry said he took notes, then called police.

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August 28, 1998

J. Scott Robinette, Esq.  
Deputy Attorney General  
Criminal Prosecutions Section  
6th Floor, Manor Complex  
564 Forbes Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Re: Commonwealth v. [redacted]

Dear Mr. Robinette:

Reference is made to:

1) your August 26, 1998 letter and accompanying subpoena of Special Agent [redacted] for information and records in possession of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) relating to the captioned case; and

2) my August 26, 1998 telephone call to Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Chief, Civil Division, United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Pennsylvania.

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Enclosed is a copy of a December 11, 1997 FD 302 which relates to the captioned case.

In the referenced telephone call, I was informed that pursuant to Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.), Section 16.24(b), the appearance of Special Agent [redacted] and the release of the enclosed document in the captioned case have been approved. Special Agent [redacted] testimony is limited

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J. Scott Robinette, Esq.

to his investigation relating to the defendant, [REDACTED] in  
the captioned case.

I can be reached at [REDACTED] for additional  
information or assistance.

Very truly yours,

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[REDACTED]  
Chief Division Counsel

Enclosure

1 - [REDACTED] Esq. (Encl.)  
Assistant Chief, Civil Division  
United States Attorney's Office  
633 U.S. Post Office and Courthouse  
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VIA FACSIMILE AND  
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[REDACTED]  
Chief Division Counsel  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
P.O. Box 1315  
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Re: Commonwealth v [REDACTED]

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

As you know, the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General is prosecuting [REDACTED] for charges arising from a telephone call which also served as the basis for federal charges. It is my understanding that FBI Agent [REDACTED] produced a 302 report as a result of an interview conducted with Mr [REDACTED] at or about the time of his preliminary arraignment. Based upon a review of the transcript of [REDACTED] federal trial, it is also my understanding that Mr [REDACTED] made certain admissions during the course of his interview with Agent [REDACTED].

The purpose of this letter is to request an opportunity to review the 302 report generated by Agent [REDACTED] on that occasion. Agent [REDACTED] was questioning Mr [REDACTED] about the same telephone call which forms the basis of the state prosecution against him. At this time I doubt that I will seek to introduce any evidence in state court about agent [REDACTED] interview with Mr. [REDACTED]. However, I request the opportunity to review his report so that I may make an informed decision regarding the potential utility of Agent [REDACTED] testimony.

[redacted]

Chief Division Counsel

August 26, 1998

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[redacted] As soon as possible, I will obtain and forward to you a subpoena *duces tecum* for Agent [redacted] and his 302 report. The trial in this case is imminent, scheduled to commence on Tuesday, September 1, 1998.

Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this matter. Do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



J. Scott Robinette  
Deputy Attorney General

JSR/mbc

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COUNTY OF CAMBRIA

TO: AGENT [Redacted] F.B.I.

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1. You are hereby ordered by the Court to come to the Cambria County Courthouse at Ebensburg, Pennsylvania on the 1st day of Sept. thur Sept. 16, 1998 next at 9:00 o'clock, A M., prevailing time, to testify on behalf of the Commonwealth in the above captioned case, and there to remain until excused by the Court.

2. You are also required to bring with you the following: Any and all reports from the [Redacted] Trial, also provide the District Attorney's Office with the written statement and the note book received into evidence provided by [Redacted]

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*James G. [Signature]*  
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ROGER VOGEL FOR THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT

City Councilman Todd Rastall brought a gun to council's meeting after hearing a man convicted of threatening Rep. John Murtha would be there.

## 'I'm not paranoid' City councilman a pistol-packer

By JASON GREEN  
THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT

Saying he feared for his safety, Johnstown City Councilman Todd Rastall was prepared to take matters into his own hands.

No shots were fired.

Rastall, who has a gun permit and carries a handgun, packed his revolver before heading to Wednesday night's city council meeting.

He knew that Donald Fenton, who was convicted of threatening to kill U.S. Rep. John Murtha, D-Johnstown, was likely to be in the audience.

Worried that something might happen, Rastall said he wanted to be prepared.

"The city can't protect me. If they're not going to protect council and me, I'm going to exercise my Second Amendment rights," he added in a telephone interview from his store.

"There are graveyards filled with people who weren't considered a threat. I'm not paranoid, but I'm careful," the councilman said.

But federal officials do not consider

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Fenton, who wears a monitoring device, dangerous and allowed him to attend the meeting, City Manager Karl Kilduff said. Because of that decision, there is nothing council can do to keep him out of the public session.

"They gave him permission to come out," Kilduff said in a telephone interview from his office. "In their opinion, he's safe."

But Rastall, who says he always carries a gun because he often has money from his businesses with him, argues that Fenton, who also addressed city council during an Aug. 12 meeting, should not have been given a second opportunity to speak to the body.

Reached at his home, Fenton called Rastall's reaction "irrational."

"I'm trying to do the right thing," he said in a telephone interview. "This thing is nothing but a complete and utter attempt to destroy me."

Fenton said he's not trying to scare anyone and wanted to apologize to Rastall and anyone else whom he has made afraid.

"Everyone's walking around scared that I'm going to kill somebody," he added. "I'm not about that."

As a convicted felon, he's given up his rights and should not be permitted to attend meetings, Rastall said.

"It's a total breach of security," he added, citing the Capitol shooting last month in Washington as an example of what could have gone wrong.

"It's not like all of a sudden he came up. We knew he'd be there."

Fellow Councilman Ron Stevens said he has no prob-

lem with Rastall having a gun at the meeting if he has a permit.

"I guess he has a license to carry it," Stevens added in a telephone interview from his home. "It isn't a problem."

Kilduff said it's Rastall's prerogative to arm himself and didn't have a problem with the councilman packing heat.

"He has a right to carry it," Kilduff added. "We'd like to think these sessions don't warrant carrying a gun."

At Wednesday's meeting, after Fenton said his peace and left without incident, council discussed safety issues.

Mayor Don Zucco said the city shouldn't exclude people from meetings, but must ensure they have a salient point to make and stick to it.

"It's a delicate balance. We want to treat everyone who comes with courtesy," he said toward the end of the one-hour meeting. "I also don't want that podium to become a platform."

During his address to council, Fenton rambled about a plan, which he called "perfect and flawless in every way" and "not pie-in-the-sky" for Johnstown's prosperity.

But Fenton was unable to cite specific steps that should be taken or present his proposal in writing.

When he previously addressed council, Fenton was asked to submit his ideas in writing. He never has.

Fenton, 41, of Geistown was convicted of threatening to kill a federal official in July. No sentencing date has been set.

A trial also is scheduled in Cambria County Court, as Fenton allegedly threatened Murtha's aide and an insurance agent.

Jury selection is slated next week.

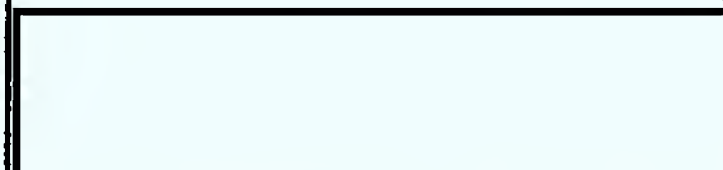
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Donald Fenton

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# Geistown man awaits his fate

## Fenton phone call in question

By SANDRA K. REABUCK  
 TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT NORTH CAMBRIA BUREAU

EBENSBURG - A Cambria County jury could decide today whether Donald Fenton intended to terrorize an insurance adjustor when he made threats to kill the insurance company's employees, U.S. Rep. John Murtha and others in a Dec. 3 telephone call.

Fenton, 42, of Geistown, already has been convicted in U.S. District Court in Johnstown for making threats to kill Murtha, D-Johnstown, in the telephone call and is awaiting sentencing on that charge. The conviction carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and \$250,000 in fines.

On Tuesday, Fenton's trial on state charges of terroristic threats, harassment and harassment by communications opened in county court with Randy Leventry, the Erie Insurance Co. adjustor, telling the jury about Fenton's threats "to start killing people" in a telephone call that lasted less than 10 minutes.

The state rested its case after calling Officer Kevin Price of the Stonycreek Township police to testify about Fenton's admitting in a July proceeding that he had made the call and saying he had been "absolutely" in control of himself when he talked to Leventry. The jury was not told, however, that Fenton's admission came during his federal trial.

Public defender Richard Corcoran in his opening to the jury said that under law, a defendant cannot be convicted of terroristic threats if the statements are made "in transitory anger." Corcoran did not say whether Fenton will take the witness stand as he had at his federal trial.

The jury is expected to get the case by noontime after the defense

wraps up its case and Judge Thomas Swope gives instructions in the law.

In testimony Tuesday, Leventry said Fenton called about 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3 to complain about another problem with his truck, which had been in and out of repair shops for months ever since a garage - which had liability insurance with Erie - failed to replace the oil during an oil change and the engine was destroyed.

Fenton, who said he needed his truck for his construction business, complained he was broke and had not eaten for three days, the adjuster recalled.

When told to take the truck back to a Windber garage to be checked, Fenton told him he "had guns and bullets and was going to start killing people," Leventry testified.

"He stated he believed congressman Murtha was in a conspiracy with Erie Insurance and The Tribune-Democrat to ruin him....He stated congressman Murtha had stolen his ideas about the economic recovery of Johnstown," Leventry said.

Fenton claimed Murtha was "using psychological tactics" to steal his business, said the insurance adjustor.

"He stated he was going to shoot Mr. Murtha's head off and Mr. (John) Hugya's head off."

**Randy Leventry,  
 Erie Insurance Co.  
 adjustor**

"He stated he was going to shoot Mr. Murtha's head off and Mr. (John) Hugya's head off," Leventry said. Hugya is an aide to the congressman.

Fenton was upset that The Tribune-Democrat

had taken three months to publish a letter that he had written to the Readers' Forum, said Leventry. The letter was in the paper on the day of the phone call, he said.

"He said that he was going to go down there (the newspaper) with guns blazing," Leventry recalled.

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Donald Fenton leaves a Cambria County courtroom in Ebensburg on Monday. A jury could decide today whether Fenton intended to terrorize an insurance adjustor.

According to Leventry, Fenton talked about "the government being against the people and that the people would have to take things in their own hands. He stated that Timothy McVeigh was my hero. He stated if the government declared war on him, he'd have to take a body count. He stated he'd kill until he was killed. It may not happen today or tomorrow, but it will happen."

Leventry also recalled, "He said he'd kill all Erie employees. He said I should keep my doors locked. I was definitely afraid."

Afterward, Leventry said that he

called his wife and two children together to tell them "we have a problem." In an emotional moment, Leventry nearly broke down when he told the jury that he then instructed his wife and his 15-year-old son how to use a firearm.

But on cross-examination, the adjustor admitted his first call was not to police but to his manager to warn him of the threats against Erie employees. And Leventry said he took the time to look in the telephone book for the Stonycreek Township police's office number rather than dialing 911.

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## McVeigh is his 'hero'

EBENSBURG, Pa. (AP) — A man convicted of threatening to kill U.S. Rep. John Murtha, D-Johnstown, is accused of threatening to kill an insurance agent as well, saying Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh is his "hero."

Cambria County Judge Timothy Creany ruled on Friday that prosecutors can let jurors know the Donald L. Fenton, 42, of Geistown, made the comment about McVeigh during Fenton's trial.

Fenton is charged with making terroristic threats and harassment by communications.

He is accused of threatening to kill Randy Leventry, an Erie Insurance

Co. agent, and everyone in the company's Johnstown office during a telephone call to Leventry on Dec. 3. He also is accused of saying "Timothy McVeigh is my hero" during the call.

Police said Leventry was handling an insurance claim for damage to Fenton's truck. Workers who repaired it failed to refill the truck's oil, which ruined the vehicle.

Last month Fenton was convicted in federal court for threatening to assault and kill Murtha in the same Dec. 3 telephone call. According to previous testimony, Fenton blamed Murtha for the truck damage and other problems in his life.

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## Man convicted of threatening insurance agent

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A Cambria County jury convicted a man of threatening to kill his insurance agent over a claim on his pickup truck.

Last month, a federal jury convicted the defendant, Donald Lee Fenton, of threatening to kill U.S. Rep. John Murtha. He faces up to six years in prison on that count.

Dec. 3, Fenton called Randy Leventry of Erie Insurance Co. and said he was angry about the claim. Workers who repaired damage to the truck failed to refill the truck's oil, ruining the vehicle, Fenton said.

He threatened to kill Leventry and everyone in the company's Johnstown office and also threatened employees of the Tribune-Democrat newspaper of Johnstown. Prosecutors said Fenton also told Leventry that Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh was his hero.

During the same phone call, Fenton threatened to kill Murtha. Fenton testified that "kill" was a "figure of speech" and that he called McVeigh a baby killer, not a hero.

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# Council muzzles Fenton

Law might not  
hold up in court.

By JASON GREEN  
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Johnstown Mayor Don Zucco has banned Donald Fenton from speaking at council meetings, but a civil liberties spokesman said the law used to keep him out might not withstand a court challenge.



Zucco

City council has already passed on one read, and then backed off, a gun ordinance that the state Attorney General's Office said would probably not pass constitutional muster.

The ordinance would have banned firearms from all city government-owned buildings.

The gun proposal was also inspired by Fenton. Councilman Todd Rastall had brought a handgun for protection to a council meeting that he believed Fenton would attend. Fenton awaits sentencing after having been convicted of threatening the life of U.S. Rep. John Murtha, D.-Johnstown.

City Manager Karl Kilduff initially said it was Rastall's prerogative to arm himself. Later, Kilduff supported the gun ban and said the ordinance would help make members of council feel safer.



Fenton

Now, the mayor has imposed a gag order on Fenton.

Citing an ordinance adopted in October 1993 and council's "house rules," adopted last month, Zucco banned Fenton from voicing his opinion at council meetings.

But Larry Frankel, American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania's executive director, says the 1993 ordinance is too broad to be effective and legal.

The ordinance says: "Any person making offensive, insulting, threatening, insolent, slanderous or obscene remarks or who becomes boisterous or who makes threats against any person or against public order and security while in the council chambers" shall be barred "from further audience."

The action can be overturned by a majority vote of council.

A person can be banned for making threats, but not insulting some-

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one, Frankel said.

"There may be something they can do with your time, place and manner on some of these things," he added in a telephone interview from his Philadelphia office. "You cannot do it on content."

The vagueness of the ordinance also invites problems, he said.

For instance, Frankel wanted to know, who determines what's offensive or insulting speech.

The statute probably could be defeated in court, he added.

"You can't silence those you disagree with or those who disagree with you," he added. "To hold public office, you can't have thin skin."

Councilmen supported Zucco's action to ban Fenton, who called Murtha and one of his aides "murderers" in a previous address to council, from speaking.

Councilwoman Nancy Malloy said speakers should not be allowed to give insulting or offensive remarks.

"I don't think anyone should be able to talk about any elected or nonelected official, past or present," she said in a telephone interview from her home.

The purpose of citizens speaking at a meeting is to convey information, Malloy said, adding that city residents have a right to share their opinions. Sometimes they shed light on other ideas that council hadn't

thought about.

"That's what we want," she said. "It helps us make our decisions."

Fenton called the Zucco-imposed ban censorship.

"It's a violation of my constitutional rights," he said in a telephone interview from his home. "Nobody cares but me."

But Councilman Brian Subich said the ordinance is not intended to keep people out. Instead, it is meant to keep civility and hold discussions to city business.

"Someone who comes in and says some of the stuff Mr. Fenton said is way off the mark," Subich added in a telephone interview from his office.

Subich agreed that offensive and insulting remarks can be seen in different ways by different people. The ordinance, he said, should be used in "very rare" cases.

"It was put there before (we were elected)," he added.

"We have the right to use it."

Zucco imposed the ban during Wednesday's council meeting.

Fenton was scheduled to speak, but did not attend the session in the Johnstown Public Safety Building.


Neither Zucco nor Johnstown Solicitor Dick Green could be reached for comment.

Manager Kilduff said this is the first time the ordinance had been used to ban speakers at meetings during his year and a half working for the city.

He was unsure if it had ever been used before and didn't know what prompted the ordinance to be enacted.

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				Aircraft Asst.			Lab. Field Sup			UCO - Group II	
				Computer			Pen Registers			UCO - Nat. Back	
				Consen Mon.			Photo Cover.			NCAVC / VI - CAP	
				Elsur / FISC			Polygraph			Crim Intel Asst	
				Elsur / T. III			Search Warrant			Crisis Neg. - Fed.	
				Eng. Field Spl.			Show Money			Crisis Neg. - Local	
				Eng. Tape Ex			SOG Asst.			ERT Asst.	
				Legats Asst.			Swat Team			Butte - ITC	
				Evid Purchase			Tech. Ag/Equip			Sav - ITC	
				Inf/CW Info			Phone Toll Rec			Poc - WRCSC	

## A. Complaint / Information / Indictment

☐ Federal ☐ Local ☐ International

Complaint Date \_\_\_\_\_

Check if Civil Rico Complaint ☐

Information Date \_\_\_\_\_

Indictment Date \_\_\_\_\_

## B. Locate/ Arrest

☐ Federal ☐ Local ☐ InternationalSubject Priority: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C

Locate Date \_\_\_\_\_

Arrest Date \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Subject Resisted Arrest☐ Subject Arrested was Armed

## C. Summons

☐ Federal ☐ Local

Summons Date \_\_\_\_\_

## H. Conviction

☐ Federal ☐ Local ☐ International

Conviction Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Description Code: \_\_\_\_ • (\_\_\_\_) •

For 6F, G, H-Include Agency Code

☐ Felony Or ☐ Misdemeanor☐ Plea Or ☐ Trial

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Judicial District: \_\_\_\_\_

## D. Hostage(s) Released Date \_\_\_\_\_

Released by: ☐ Terrorist ☐ Other

Number of Hostages: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Located Date \_\_\_\_\_

## E. Recovery / Restitution / PELP x

☐ Federal ☐ Local ☐ International

Recovery Date \_\_\_\_\_

Code • Amount

	\$
	\$

Restitution Date \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Court Ordered☐ Pretrial Diversion

Code • Amount

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PELP Date \_\_\_\_\_

Code • Amount

	\$
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## I. U.S. Code Violations

Required for Sections A, B, F, and H  
(Federal only)

Title	Section	# of Counts

## F. Civil Rico Matters Date \_\_\_\_\_

Also Complete Section I

or

Other Civil Matters Date \_\_\_\_\_

Judgment \_\_\_\_\_

Judicial Outcome \_\_\_\_\_ x •

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Suspension:

Years	Months

## G. Administrative Sanctions Date \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Description Code \_\_\_\_\_

Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Suspension ☐ Permanent☐ Debarment ☐ Years Months☐ InjunctionJ. Sentence Date: 10/15/98Sentence type: ST, PB

In-Jail		Suspended		Probation	
Years	Months	Years	Months	Years	Months
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Fines: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## K. Acquittal / Dismissal / Pretrial Diversion

Acquittal Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dismissal Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pretrial Diversion Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## L. Subject Information (Required for all Sections excluding Section D (Hostages) and E (Recovery/PELP))

	Race •	Sex	Date of Birth	Social Security No. (if available)
	<u>W</u>	<u>M</u>		

For Indictments/Convictions only:

☐ Subject related to an LCN, Asian Organized Crime (AOC), Italian Organized Crime (IOC), Russian/Eastern European, Caribbean, or Nigerian Organized Crime Group - Complete FD-515a, Side 1 and Side 2.☐ Subject related to an OC/Drug Organization, a VCMO Program National Gang Strategy target group, or a VCMO Program National Priority Initiative target group - Complete FD-515a, Side 2.

x Additional information may be added by attaching another form or a plain sheet of paper for additional entries.

• See codes on reverse side.

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On September 2, 1998, in the Court of Common Pleas, Cambria County, Ebensburg, PA, [REDACTED] was found guilty in a jury trial of Harassment by Communication, a third degree misdemeanor, and Terroristic Threats, a first degree misdemeanor, under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, regarding telephonic threats directed toward Insurance Agent, [REDACTED], on December 3, 1997. During this telephone call, [REDACTED] also made threats directed toward U.S. Congressman John P. Murtha, Johnstown, PA, and his aide, [REDACTED] for which [REDACTED] was subsequently convicted in U.S. District Court, Johnstown, PA. [REDACTED] currently awaiting sentencing on the federal conviction.

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On October 15, 1998, [REDACTED] was sentenced in Cambria County Court on the above related charges, to a term of 60 months probation with conditions that he have no contact with [REDACTED] or his family and U.S. Congressman Murtha and his staff, among others. In addition, [REDACTED] was ordered to undergo a mental health evaluation, specifically relating to anger management. [REDACTED] also ordered to pay court costs in the amount of \$25.00/month for the duration of his probation.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/27/1998

To: Pittsburgh

From: Pittsburgh

Squad 10/JRA

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Title: [REDACTED]

JOHN P. MURTHA - MEMBER OF CONGRESS,  
WASHINGTON, D.C. - VICTIM;  
12/03/1997  
CCSCAKA - THREAT

Synopsis: EC to report state-related conviction and sentence of Fenton.

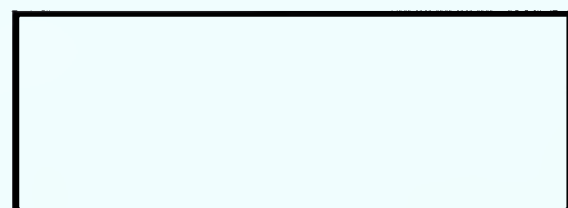
Administrative: Due to an administrative oversight, the FD-515 reporting [REDACTED] state related conviction in captioned matter was not submitted within 30 days as required. In the future, every effort will be made to ensure that FD-515s are submitted on a timely basis.

Details: By way of background, on 12/3/1997, [REDACTED] was arrested on charges he made a threatening telephone call to [REDACTED] an insurance agent. [REDACTED] was upset with [REDACTED] regarding repairs to his truck. During the call [REDACTED] also directed threats toward U.S. Congressman John P. Murtha and his aide, [REDACTED]

On 7/8/1998, in USDC, Johnstown, PA, [REDACTED] was convicted in a jury trial of threatening the life of Congressman Murtha. [REDACTED] is currently awaiting sentence in relation to his Federal conviction.

On 9/2/1998, in Cambria County District Court, Ebensburg, PA, in a jury trial, [REDACTED] was found guilty of Harassment By Communication, 3rd degree misdemeanor, and Terroristic Threats, a 1st degree misdemeanor, regarding his threats directed to [REDACTED] FD-515 submitted.

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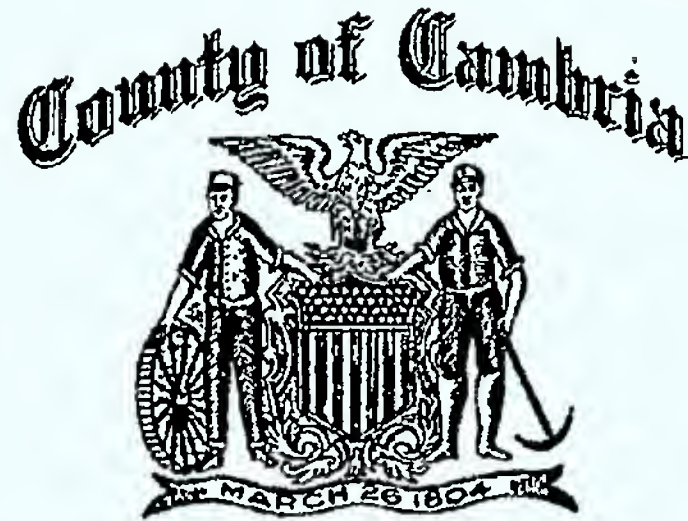
To: Pittsburgh From: Pittsburgh  
Re: 89A-PG-64410, 10/27/1998

On 10/15/1998, in Cambria County District Court, Ebensburg, PA, District Court Judge Swope sentenced [ ] on the state-related charges. [ ] received a sentence of 60 months probation and was not have any contact with [ ] or his family, Laurel Ford, The Tribune-Democrat, or Congressman Murtha and his staff. In addition, [ ] was ordered to undergo a mental health evaluation, specifically related toward anger management. [ ] was also ordered to pay costs in the amount of \$25/month for the duration of his probation. FD-515 submitted. b6 b7C

Sentence pending in USDC, Johnstown, PA, regarding [ ] conviction of threatening U.S. Congressman Murtha. Will follow and report results.

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DAVID J. TULOWITZKI  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY



PATRICK T. KINIRY  
FIRST ASSISTANT

CHRISTIAN A. FISANICK  
CHIEF DEPUTY, APPELLATE DIVISION

Office of the District Attorney  
EBENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  
(814) 472-5440

October 22, 1998

[Redacted]  
P.O. Box 129  
Johnstown, PA 15907

RE: COMMONWEALTH VS [Redacted]

Dear Mr [Redacted]

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Enclosed please find the copies which you requested on the above captioned case. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted Signature]

Secretary

enclosure

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - CRIMINAL - OF CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

No. 2336 1997

vs.

HARASSMENT BY

DONALD L. FENTON

COMMUNICATION OR ADDRESS

VERDICT

AND NOW, Sept 2, 19 98, we the Jurors empaneled in the  
above entitled case, find the defendant, Guilty

Amad S. S. S. S.

Foreman

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS - CRIMINAL - OF CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

No. 2336 (A) 19 97

vs.

TERRORISTIC THREATS

DONALD L. FENTON

VERDICT

AND NOW, Sept. 2, 19 98, we the Jurors empaneled in the  
above entitled case, find the defendant, GUILTY

Conrad Scherica

Foreman

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS -- CRIMINAL -- OF CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
TRIAL

Defendant: DONALD L. FENTON No: 2336-97 OTN: F 118539-1  
Charge: HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATION OR ADDRESS

Date of Verdict: SEPT. 2, 1998 Judge: THOMAS A. SWOPE, JR. Clerk: J. KOVACH  
Defense Counsel: R. CORCORAN Commonwealth: SCOTT ROBINETTE Ct. Steno.: B. BEARER  
Sentencing date is 15 day of OCT., 1998 Pre-sentence investigation report by the Cambria County  
Probation Office/Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole is due 5 day of OCT., 1998  
Bond continued. Bond of \$ set. Defendant remanded to Jail

SENTENCE

NOW, OCTOBER 15, 1998, the defendant, DONALD L. FENTON  
(Address) 2434 BEDFORD ST, JOHNSTOWN, PA 15904

☒ is sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution,

☐ restitution of \$

☐ the sum of \$ for the use of Cambria County

(COUNTY JAIL)

☐ and undergo imprisonment in the County Jail for a period of not less than

3 mo nor more than 12 mo  
☐ Defendant is given automatic parole (credit for time served)

(STATE PRISON)

☐ and is to be committed to the Western Correctional, Diagnostic and Classification  
Center located at the State Correctional Institution, Pittsburgh, Pa. for a term of not less  
than years nor more than years. Defendant shall be delivered to said insti-  
tution by the Sheriff of Cambria County.

(PROBATION)

☐ and is placed on probation for a period of , under the supervision  
of the Cambria County Probation Office/Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.

☐ Sentence shall be served concurrently consecutively with 236(a) 97

(OTHER CONDITIONS)

(PAYMENT PLAN)

1. How much money can you pay a month on your bill?
2. Do you understand if you miss a payment it will be a violation of your sentence and  
you could be placed in jail?
3. Do you agree with this condition of your parole?

☐ The Court Orders the defendant to make monthly payments of which  
includes probation fees; collection fees; on costs,  
restitution and fines.

Payment will be due the day of each month beginning the day of  
, 199 . These payments are one of the conditions of the defendant's sentence.  
If the payments are not made, it will be a violation of the sentence and could cause  
incarceration of the defendant.

Car Used: ☐ Yes ☐ No  
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BLUE (PROBATION OFFICE)

BY THE COURT:

YELLOW (JUDGE)

GREEN (MHMR)

PINK (JAIL)

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS -- CRIMINAL -- OF CAMBRIA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
TRIAL

Defendant: DONALD L. FENTON No: 2336-97 (A) OTN: F 118539-1  
Charge: TERRORISTIC THREATS

Date of Verdict: SEPT. 2, 1998 Judge: THOMAS A. SWOPE, JR. Clerk: JOYCE KOVACH  
Defense Counsel: R. CORCORAN Commonwealth: J. SCOTT ROBINETTE Steno: B. BEARER  
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tution by the Sheriff of Cambria County.

(PROBATION)

☐ and is placed on probation for a period of 60 mo., under the supervision  
of the Cambria County Probation Office/Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole.

☐ Sentence shall be served concurrently/consecutively with

(OTHER CONDITIONS)

① no contact or communication with Randy Leventry,  
house or family. ② Tribune Democrat ③ Congressman  
murtha ④ Laurel Ford Undergo mental Evaluation -  
anger management and follow their recommendations

(PAYMENT PLAN)

1. How much money can you pay a month on your bill?
  2. Do you understand if you miss a payment it will be a violation of your sentence and  
you could be placed in jail?
  3. Do you agree with this condition of your parole?
- ☐ The Court Orders the defendant to make monthly payments of \$25 which  
includes 0 probation fees; \$5 collection fees; \$20 on costs,  
restitution and fines.

Payment will be due the 1 day of each month beginning the 1 day of  
Oct, 1998. These payments are one of the conditions of the defendant's sentence.  
If the payments are not made, it will be a violation of the sentence and could cause  
incarceration of the defendant.

Car Used: ☐ Yes ☐ No

BY THE COURT:

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - VICTIM;  
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89A-PG-64410

# Lots of judicial advice, no jail time for Fenton

By **SCOTT HOVANYETZ**  
TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT MAINLINE BUREAU

**EBENSBURG** - A Geistown man convicted of threatening the lives of U.S. Rep. John Murtha, D-Johnstown, and others avoided more jail time Thursday but had to promise not to contact those people for five years.

Cambria County Judge Thomas Swope sentenced Donald L. Fenton, 52, to 60 months' probation but let him go free with three months he has already served in jail.

In September, a Cambria County jury convicted Fenton of threatening Randy Leventry, an adjuster with Erie Insurance Group; Murtha; and employees of The Tribune-Democrat.



Fenton

"This is something we just do not do to people," Swope told Fenton and his public defender, Richard Corcoran, at the sentencing. "You may think you may be doing right, Mr. Fenton. But you've got to straighten your thinking out."

During his probation, Fenton must have no contact with Leventry or his family, Murtha or his staff, Laurel Ford or The Tribune-Democrat.

Please see **FENTON, A4**

## FENTON

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rat, Swope ruled. If Fenton does, Swope could put him in prison for up to five years.

"I'm forcing you to behave yourself," Swope told Fenton. "I don't want this to happen again. I'm doing this for your own good."

That means no more letters to the editor of The Tribune-Democrat, Swope added.

"You have a tendency to talk when you shouldn't be talking, and that's causing you problems," Swope told Fenton. "And you have an anger problem."

To correct that problem, Fenton must undergo a mental-health evaluation with an emphasis on anger management, Swope said.

According to prosecutors, Fenton made the threats in December in a 10-minute telephone conversation with Leventry about problems with his truck and insurance coverage on repairs. Fenton claimed mechanics at a repair shop ruined the truck's engine when they forgot to fill it with oil.

A federal jury convicted Fenton in July on separate charges, stemming from the same incident, of threatening Murtha and his aide, John Hugya.

Fenton was made to wear an electronic-monitoring bracelet on his ankle as part of his federal bond conditions.

Fenton told Swope at the sentencing he was giving his word that he would obey the ruling.

"I never intended to hurt any-

## Telephone threats lead to big trouble

THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT

Donald L. Fenton got into trouble when he threatened to kill employees of an insurance company and others during a telephone interview with an insurance agent on Dec. 3.

Fenton apparently was upset that Erie Insurance did not cover all repairs to his vehicle.

On Dec. 3, Fenton called an insurance agent to complain about another problem with his truck. The vehicle had been in and out of repair shops for months ever since a garage - which had liability insurance with Erie - failed to replace the oil during an oil change and the engine was ruined.

Fenton, who said he needed the truck for his construction business, was told to take the truck back to a garage to be checked. Unhappy with how his claim was being handled, Fenton told the insurance agent that, if he went to the garage, he might kill employees there.

body," Fenton said.

At the sentencing, Corcoran pointed out that Fenton had a right to his opinion and that Tribune-Democrat Publisher Pamela J. Mayer had stated that Fenton didn't deserve jail time.

"The media attention has blown

Fenton also said he believed U.S. Rep. John Murtha, D-Johnstown, was in a conspiracy with Erie Insurance and The Tribune-Democrat to ruin him. He said Murtha had stolen his ideas about the economic recovery of Johnstown.

Fenton threatened to shoot Murtha, a Murtha aide, all the employees of Erie Insurance and employees of The Tribune-Democrat, the latter because it took three months to publish his letter to the Readers' Forum.

Fenton had testified in court that he used the word "kill" only as a figure of speech during a heated conversation.

In letters to the Readers' Forum, Fenton also accused other area leaders of stealing his economic recovery ideas.

Aspiring to being elected from the 71st District to the state House of Representatives in 1996, Fenton attempted a write-in campaign. He lost the election.

this way out of proportion," Corcoran said.

Fenton's alleged threats even affected Johnstown City Council. In August, Councilman Todd Rastall caused a controversy by bringing a gun to a council meeting because Fenton planned to attend.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/05/1998

To: Pittsburgh

Attn: CDC, SA [redacted]

From: Pittsburgh  
Squad 10/JRA  
Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted] jr

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Case ID #: 89A-PG-64410 (Pending) -

Title: [redacted]

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JOHN P. MURTHA - MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. - VICTIM  
12/3/97  
CCSCAKA - THREAT

**Synopsis:** EC to report the recording and retention of two voice mail messages from [redacted], left on SA [redacted] office answering machine.

**Administrative:** Re telcal of SA [redacted] JRA, and SA [redacted] [redacted] CDC, on 10/30/98.

**Details:** For information, on 10/29/98, at approximately 3:30 PM, SA [redacted] recorded two (2) telephone messages from his office voice mail onto a cassette tape for retention. SA [redacted] had initially reviewed and then saved these messages left by [redacted]. [redacted] first contacted SA [redacted] on 10/10/98, at approximately 4:43 PM and then again on 10/13/98, at approximately 8:22 PM.

Subsequent to the receipt of these messages, AUSA [redacted] [redacted] WDPA, Pittsburgh, PA, was advised of the messages and their content. In addition, at the request of AUSA [redacted] FPD [redacted] Pittsburgh, PA, who represents [redacted] in captioned matter, was also advised of the messages.

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Based upon the referenced conversation with CDC [redacted] regarding the proper handling of recordings copied from office voice mail, the cassette tape containing a recording of the voice mail messages left by [redacted] on SA [redacted] office answering machine, to be handled in a manner that comports with Elsur regulations and policies to ensure compliance with Elsur

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guidelines. In this regard, appropriate Elsur related paperwork has been prepared and submitted for approval.

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## Fenton's federal conviction tossed

By JASON GREEN  
 THE TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT

A federal judge has thrown out the conviction of a Geistown man on charges he threatened the life of U.S. Rep. John Murtha, D-Johnstown.

U.S. District Judge D. Brooks Smith ruled a jury's decision in July was incorrect and acquitted Donald Lee Fenton of threatening to assault and murder the congressman.

Smith said Fenton made no direct threat on the congressman's life.

Fenton, a 41-year-old self-employed contractor, had been free on bond awaiting sentencing, but was forced to wear an electronic monitoring device. He faced up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

When Fenton testified in his own defense, he denied wanting to kill Murtha.

But he admitted using the word "kill" during a heated conversation Dec. 8, 1997, with Randy Leventry, an insurance adjuster for Erie Insurance Co. in Richland Township. Fenton said it was "a figure of speech."

The case began in 1996 when Fenton suggested ways to rebuild the financially distressed Johnstown region.

He told the jury that he planned to introduce a mass transit system, develop a ski resort and build a National Football League stadium between Johnstown and Pittsburgh.

Fenton said he could accomplish his goals without government money and by selling shares of stock at \$100 each.

During testimony, Fenton said he met with John Hugya, an aide to Murtha, at the Incline Station restaurant to discuss his ideas and was disappointed the congressman didn't attend.

Fenton subsequently switched his voter registration from Republican to Democrat and decided to become a candidate for Murtha's seat.

Fenton testified to having numer-



Rep. John Murtha  
 Supposed target of threat



Donald Fenton  
 Admits using word 'kill'

ous mechanical problems with his work truck and he contended local garages were involved in "dirty tricks."

Unhappy with Leventry's handling of an insurance claim, he became suspicious and believed he was being followed.

The case focused on the telephone conversation with Leventry. The insurance agent testified that he took notes during the conversation, which he said included threats by Fenton that he would kill Murtha.

Leventry called Stonycreek Township police. Charges of making terrorist threats and harassment were filed. The FBI was contacted.

In his ruling, Smith gave two reasons for overturning Fenton's conviction:

■ Because the intimidation was directed at Leventry rather than Murtha, no direct threat was made on the congressman.

■ Murtha was not threatened in his capacity as a congressman.

Neither Fenton nor Marketa Sims, his public defender, could be reached for comment.

Leon Rodriguez, an assistant U.S. attorney who prosecuted the case, said he has a right to appeal the decision.

He said he must review details of the case before deciding whether to challenge the decision.

Fenton also has been convicted in Cambria County court for threatening Leventry, Murtha and employees of The Tribune-Democrat.

He was sentenced to 60 months probation in October, but allowed to go free with three months already served in jail.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

DONALD LEE FENTON,  
Defendant

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**MEMORANDUM OPINION and ORDER**

**D. BROOKS SMITH, District Judge.**

Donald Lee Fenton was tried before a jury and found guilty of violating 18 U.S.C. § 115(a)(1)(B), threatening a federal official. At the close of the government's case, as well as at the conclusion of all the evidence, Fenton moved for a judgment of acquittal under Fed. R. Crim. P. 29, arguing that the evidence was insufficient to support his conviction. I deferred ruling on both motions. After careful consideration of the briefs and oral argument, I agree and will grant the motion.<sup>1</sup>

I.

Fenton's conviction arises out of a heated conversation with insurance adjuster Randy Leventry, in which he made death threats against, *inter alia*, Leventry, the staff of the Johnstown, Pennsylvania office of Erie Insurance Company, United States Representative John Murtha and his aide, John Hugya. The evidence at trial revealed that this altercation arose, not over matters of political philosophy, but over a dispute concerning allegedly defective repairs to Fenton's fourteen-year-old pickup truck. How Congressman Murtha's name came to be

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Fenton has also been prosecuted under state law for terroristic threats and harassment by communication. It goes without saying that his conviction in the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria County is unaffected by the instant adjudication.

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involved in this otherwise private dispute bears further discussion.

Fenton, an odd jobs contractor by trade and a community activist by self-profession, developed a somewhat grandiose plan by which he believed he could rejuvenate Johnstown's flagging local economy. This plan, according to Fenton, required some \$60 million in federal funding. To secure that money, he contacted the offices of Congressman Murtha and was directed to Murtha's local aide, John Hugya. Hugya agreed to meet Fenton and discuss his plan sometime in July 1996 at a restaurant at the top of the Johnstown Inclined Plane. Fenton arrived at the meeting with his plan, contained in a pizza box, which involved various flood control, transportation and recreational "improvements." Hugya told Fenton that a plan of such size would normally require a partnership of federal, state and local governments and directed him to John Skiavo at Johnstown Area Regional Industries. Dkt. no. 127, at 66. The meeting then ended, and the two had no further contact.

Fenton, however, believed that Hugya and Murtha liked his "plan" and wanted to take credit for it themselves, even if that meant ruining him, discrediting him or driving him to suicide in the process. He therefore came to see both Murtha and Hugya as conspirators against him, although there existed no rational basis for such a conclusion.

Almost a year later, in June 1997, Fenton brought his pickup truck to Carmen's Wholesale Tires to get an oil change. The mechanic, however, failed to replace the oil, as a result of which the truck's engine was destroyed. Carmen's was insured by Erie Insurance Company, which assigned Randy Leventry to investigate the claim on June 5. Leventry authorized the installation of a rebuilt engine.

After Fenton's truck was returned on June 13, it was discovered that the mechanic who

installed the engine had not replaced the pilot bearing, which resulted in the destruction of the transmission. Leventry authorized the transmission to be replaced as well. Fenton's truck was serviced by John's Transmissions and returned to him on July 2. The very next day, the truck developed further problems involving oil leakage, which were repaired by Laurel Ford but which kept Fenton's vehicle out of operating condition until July 17. Erie Insurance did not pay for these repairs, as they were covered under the engine warranty. The same problem recurred on November 24, and Leventry instructed Fenton to bring his truck back to Laurel Ford. The malfunction was corrected and the truck was returned.

Unfortunately, the engine problem occurred again on December 3, and it proved to be too much for Fenton to take. He called Leventry and "said that the truck was leaking oil and spewing oil everywhere, that he was--he wanted something done. He's tired of all this, these problems with the truck. He said that he had gotten a gun and bullets and he was going to start killing people." Dkt. no. 126, at 64 (Leventry, direct). Fenton went on to tell Leventry that if Laurel Ford "said they repaired the truck, they're liars[]" and that the truck was worse than it was before the repairs were performed. Id. Fenton continued to discuss his claim with Leventry, who testified that his demeanor was, for the most part, "fairly matter of fact[]" in this portion of the conversation. Id. at 65.

As the discussion progressed, however, Fenton's tone became more agitated and he seemed desperate. Id. "[H]e said that Murtha, Congressman Murtha, was conspiring with the insurance company and the *[Johnstown] Tribune-Democrat* to ruin him and to cause him to commit suicide." Id. Fenton then stated "that he was going to shoot Congressman Murtha's head off. He also said that he was going to shoot John Hugya's head off." Id. at 66. Later in

the conversation, Fenton told Leventry "that he was going to kill all Erie [Insurance] employees." Id. at 67. He continued, I may not kill you, but if I were you, I would keep my doors locked because once this gets started, I don't know what's going to happen." Id. Fenton then elaborated further about the nature of the "conspiracy" he believed was operating against him:

He did say that Murtha stole his ideas for an economic recovery plan that he had drawn up. It had to do with an overhead rail transportation system and other ideas that he had. . . . He said that since Mr. Murtha stole Mr. Fenton's ideas, that now Mr. Murtha would have to see that Fenton's either killed or commit [sic] suicide.

Id. at 67. Fenton went on:

He said he had spoken to his pastor, and he had--he knows that God would forgive him for what he's going to do; that if the Government declares war on him, he was going to have to take a body count. . . . He said he was desperate, that he hadn't eaten for three days; that Congressman Murtha's trying to destroy his business and has succeeded in doing so. . . . Mr. Fenton told me that he had been to Vietnam, he said, in 1975. He said that he had seen people die there, that he's not afraid to die. He said that he would kill until he's killed. He said that when he dies, there would be a tape, that he had produced a videotape. It would be disseminated to the press, it would be detrimental to Mr. Murtha. It would lay out the entire conspiracy. . . .

Towards the end of the conversation I told Mr. Fenton that I hoped that this was his way of reaching out for help. He told me to tell that to CNN. I told him that I would not--I would not be able to keep this silent, that I would have to make a few calls. He understood that.

Id. at 68, 70.

Fenton did not tell Leventry to convey the message to Murtha, nor was there evidence to suggest that Fenton even implied that Leventry should do so. For his part, Leventry did not tell Fenton that he was going to relay the contents of the conversation to Congressman Murtha, nor did he contact the Congressman's office. See dkt. no. 127, at 42 (Leventry, cross). In response

to Fenton's agitated statements, Leventry called the local police department, resulting in Fenton's arrest. Officer Price subsequently contacted Hugya and apprised him of Fenton's statements. See dk. no. 127, at 58. Hugya then called FBI Agent Dale Frye. Id. at 69.

Fenton was subsequently indicted under 18 U.S.C. § 115(a)(1)(B) for threatening Murtha (Count I) and Hugya (Count II). On Fenton's motion, I dismissed Count II, holding as a matter of law that Hugya was not an "official" within the group of protected persons enumerated in § 115. United States v. Fenton, 10 F. Supp.2d 501 (W.D. Pa. 1998).<sup>2</sup> The case was tried to a jury in July 1998, which returned a verdict of "guilty" at Count I, threatening Congressman Murtha.

## II.

Fenton contends, under Fed. R. Crim. P. 29, that the evidence introduced by the government at his trial was insufficient to support his conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 115(a)(1)(B). In deciding the question of sufficiency, the evidence must be viewed in the light most favorable to the government, and the conviction must stand unless it appears that there was no substantial evidence from which a rational trier of fact could have found the defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. United States v. Cooper, 121 F.3d 130, 133 (3d Cir. 1997); United States v. Obialo, 23 F.3d 69, 71-72 (3d Cir. 1994).

The statutory provision under which Fenton was indicted provides, in pertinent part:

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I also granted in part Fenton's motion to suppress certain evidence, United States v. Fenton, Crim. No. 98-1J, 1998 WL 356889 (W.D. Pa. May 28, 1998), and denied his motion to dismiss the indictment on account of alleged prosecutorial misconduct before the grand jury, United States v. Fenton, Crim. No. 98-1J, 1998 WL 356891 (W.D. Pa. June 29, 1998). Familiarity with those opinions is helpful, but not necessary, to an understanding of this memorandum.

Whoever . . . threatens to assault, kidnap, or murder, a United States official . . . [i] with intent to impede, intimidate, or interfere with such official . . . while engaged in the performance of official duties, or [ii] with intent to retaliate against such official . . . on account of the performance of official duties, shall be punished as provided in subsection (b).

18 U.S.C. § 115(a)(1). This language contains an actus reus, specifically, making a threat, as well as two defined forms of mens rea: (1) intent to prospectively interfere with the victim's exercise of official duties; or (2) intent to retaliate against the victim for the past exercise of official duties. I will discuss these elements seriatim.

### III.

Section 115(a)(1)(B) proscribes only threatening communications, recognizing that not all apparently threatening utterances fall into the category of "true threats." The words spoken by Fenton without question reeked of animus, but his statements regarding Congressman Murtha were made only to Leventry. The evidence shows merely that Leventry was an insurance adjuster with no connection to Murtha. The question that animates this case, then, is whether such remarks, spoken during a conversation with an unrelated third party and not directly to the victim, constitute a threat within the meaning of the statute. I conclude that, on these facts, they do not.

The statute criminalizes a form, albeit an unsavory one, of pure speech. As such, "it must be interpreted with the commands of the First Amendment clearly in mind," Watts v. United States, 394 U.S. 705, 707 (1969) (per curiam), "against the background of a profound national commitment to the principle that debate on public issues should be uninhibited, robust, and wide-open, and that it may well include vehement, caustic, and sometimes unpleasantly sharp attacks on government and public officials." Id. at 708 (quoting New York Times Co. v.

Sullivan, 376 U.S. 254, 270 (1964)). Moreover, Anglo-American jurisprudence in recent centuries has rejected the notion that a person's mere thoughts, however evil, can be criminalized. See id. at 709-711 & nn.1, 2 (Douglas, J., concurring) (discussing English law of constructive treason and the American Alien and Sedition Acts); United States v. Alkhabaz, 104 F.3d 1492, 1494 (6th Cir. 1997) ("our law does not punish bad purpose standing alone").

Thus, in Watts, the Supreme Court reversed the defendant's conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 871 for threatening the life of President Johnson under circumstances clearly indicating that his remarks were nothing more than "a kind of very crude offensive method of stating a political opposition to the President."<sup>3</sup> 394 U.S. at 708. On the other hand, true threats enjoy no legal protection. See United States v. Kosma, 951 F.2d 549, 553 (3d Cir. 1991).

At the polar opposites, this distinction is easily applied. Had Fenton accosted Congressman Murtha in person or written him a letter, there would be no question, based on the words he used, that a true threat was intended. The remarks need only be such that "a reasonable person would foresee that the statement would be interpreted by those to whom the maker communicates the statement as a serious expression of an intention to inflict bodily harm or take the life of the [object]." Id. at 557 (citing cases) (threatening communication mailed to President Reagan); accord United States v. Orozco-Santillan, 903 F.2d 1262, 1265 (9th Cir.

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In Watts, defendant was a young man who attended a protest rally in Washington. Speaking up in an open-air discussion group, he stated, "And now I have already received my draft classification as 1-A and I have got to report for my physical this Monday coming. I am not going. If they ever make me carry a rifle the first man I want in my sights is L.B.J. They are not going to make me kill my black brothers." 394 U.S. at 706. The other participants, as well as the speaker himself, responded to this statement with laughter." Id. at 707. In addition, the Court noted that defendant's "threat" was conditional, and based upon an event he vowed would never occur. Id.

1990). It seems equally clear that, had Fenton hiked alone several miles into a forest and recited his diatribe only to himself, convicting him under § 115 would be tantamount to punishing his mere thoughts rather than any actual threat. So too, had he uttered the words to a close friend or relative in strict confidence, conviction under this statute would be unjustified. But here, Fenton's words were spoken to a third party unrelated to their object, and whose relationship with Fenton was at least arguably adversarial, placing this case somewhere between these two extremes.

Two courts have recently dealt with this issue. In United States v. Bellrichard, 779 F. Supp. 454 (D. Minn. 1991), aff'd, 904 F.2d 1318 (8th Cir. 1993), defendant sent a series of threatening letters, most of them directly to their intended victims,<sup>4</sup> and was indicted under 18 U.S.C. § 876 for mailing threatening communications. One letter, however, was mailed to the girlfriend of a defendant awaiting sentencing. In that letter, defendant threatened to kill the sentencing judge. Id. at 457-58. In holding that such a communication did not constitute a true threat because there was no connection between the recipient and the intended victim, the court opined:

In the present case, the postcard to Ms. Hoeper contains no request that it be communicated to the individuals allegedly threatened. There was no evidence at trial that Ms. Hoeper was likely to understand that the postcard was to be so communicated or that it was likely that it would be. Indeed, there was no evidence that Ms. Hoeper had any connection with the persons allegedly threatened which could make the language used by the defendant in his postcard to her a true threat against those persons. The specific language of the postcard should not be isolated from the whole context of the communication. No reasonable recipient, in light of the context, could interpret the defendant's statements about third parties as a true threat within the ambit of Watts. The

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The court upheld those convictions. Id. at 461.

statute should not be applied under these circumstances, and this count should not have been submitted to the jury.

Id. at 459.<sup>5</sup>

In Alkhabaz, the defendant was charged under 18 U.S.C. § 875(c) for sending messages over the Internet “which expressed a sexual interest in violence against women and girls.” 104 F.3d at 1493. The messages contained stories, the content of which can only be described as horrific,<sup>6</sup> depicting in graphic detail “the abduction, rape, torture, mutilation, and murder of

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The Bellrichard court went on to state:

The interpretation of the statute favored by the government could lead to absurd results since it does not take into account the particular context of third party threats. The First Amendment limits the reach of the statute as to third party threats by requiring consideration of the whole context of the communication. The statute should not be interpreted to cover every letter which, apart from its context, seems to threaten a person other than the addressee or letter recipient, as the government argues. For example, if a prosecutor mailed defendant's letters to another government official for analysis or review, that conduct could be covered by the statute--mailing a threat to injure the person of another. Similarly, if the court mails this opinion to West Publishing Company, having quoted verbatim the language used by defendant which is alleged to be threatening, that conduct could be covered by the statute. Also covered would be the conduct of a member of the general public, who, attending this trial of widespread interest, took notes of defendant's statements and mailed them to a family member, law professor, or newspaper for their information. Of course these results are absurd and reach constitutionally protected speech. More must be required for conviction under the statute. Conviction requires that the communication be a true threat. This means that a reasonable recipient, familiar with the context of the communication, would interpret it as a threat. It is this contextuality which prevents conviction under the hypothetical situations described.

Id. at 459 (footnotes, citations and internal quotation marks omitted).

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See id. at 1497-98 n.1 (Krupansky, J., dissenting) (setting forth one such message essentially verbatim). Because of the appalling content of this message and its publication elsewhere, I will not go into further detail here.

women and young girls.” Id. One of these accounts named an actual young woman, resulting in defendant’s prosecution under § 875(c) for interstate communications containing threats to injure another person. Id. The court considered whether these messages, which were not sent directly to the woman who was the purported victim, constituted true threats. It concluded they did not:

To determine what type of action Congress intended to prohibit, it is necessary to consider the nature of a threat. At their core, threats are tools that are employed when one wishes to have some effect, or achieve some goal, through intimidation. This is true regardless of whether the goal is highly reprehensible or seemingly innocuous.

For example, the goal may be extortionate or coercive. . . . Additionally, the goal, although not rising to the level of extortion, may be the furtherance of a political objective. . . . Finally, a threat may be communicated for a seemingly innocuous purpose. For example, one may communicate a bomb threat, even if the bomb does not exist, for the sole purpose of creating a prank. However, such a communication would still constitute a threat because the threatening party is attempting to create levity (at least in his or her own mind) through the use of intimidation. . . . Although it may offend our sensibilities, a communication objectively indicating a serious expression of an intention to inflict bodily harm cannot constitute a threat unless the communication also is conveyed for the purpose of furthering some goal through the use of intimidation. . . . If an otherwise threatening communication is not, from an objective standpoint, transmitted for the purpose of intimidation, then it is unlikely that the recipient will be intimidated or that the recipient's peace of mind will be disturbed.

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Even if a reasonable person would take the communications between [defendant] and [the recipient] as serious expressions of an intention to inflict bodily harm, no reasonable person would perceive such communications as being conveyed to effect some change or achieve some goal through intimidation. Quite the opposite, [they] apparently sent e-mail messages to each other in an attempt to foster a friendship based on shared sexual fantasies.

Id. at 1495-96.

Under either standard, Fenton’s statements did not constitute threats. As in Bellrichard, there was simply no connection between Leventry, the recipient of the communication, and

Murtha, its intended object. Moreover, under the circumstances presented here, no jury could find anything truly "threatening" in Fenton's remarks because they could not influence Murtha's attitude or behavior in any way when spoken only to Leventry.

The government cites a number of cases in which threats were not made directly to the speakers' intended victims, yet convictions were upheld. Careful review, however, reveals those cases to be inapposite. In United States v. Fulmer, 108 F.3d 1486 (1st Cir. 1997), defendant threatened an FBI agent by leaving him a voicemail message, which the agent heard and "found chilling and scary." Id. at 1490. Other cases are in the same vein. In Orozco-Santillan, defendant threatened an Immigration and Naturalization Service officer over the telephone; once again, the agent heard the threat and was frightened. 903 F.2d at 1264. Likewise, in United States v. Stevenson, 126 F.3d 662 (5th Cir. 1997), defendant wrote a threatening letter to his probation officer, which "frightened and alarmed" her when she received it. Id. at 663. And in Kosma, defendant wrote a series of threatening letters to President Reagan. 951 F.2d at 550. These letters, while never seen by the President, no doubt caused considerable consternation to the officers responsible for his protection. 951 F.2d at 554. As the court noted, moreover, they were directed "at the exact person whom Section 871 was designed to protect." Id. at 555.

The government relies principally, however, on United States v. Snellenberger, 24 F.3d 799 (6th Cir. 1994), for the proposition that there need be no intent that defendant's statements be communicated to their target. There, the defendant told two mental health workers of his plans to kill an administrative law judge and was prosecuted under § 115. Id. at 801. On appeal, his conviction was affirmed. Id. at 803-04. In that case, however, defendant argued

only that his mens rea was insufficient to support conviction, and the court never passed on the issue of whether the actus reus was proven. See id. at 803. Thus, while this case is relevant to an analysis of Fenton's intent, it has no precedential value on whether he made a true threat.<sup>7</sup>

Accordingly, I conclude that Fenton's statements did not constitute true threats under § 115(a)(1)(B). For this reason alone, his motion for judgment of acquittal must be granted. In the interest of completeness, however, I will also address Fenton's argument that he did not, as a matter of law, possess the requisite intent to support his conviction.

#### IV.

Assuming arguendo that the evidence did support a finding that Fenton made a true threat to Murtha, it still must be determined whether he had the intent that § 115(a)(1)(B) requires:

[i] with intent to impede, intimidate, or interfere with such official. . . while engaged in the performance of official duties, or [ii] with intent to retaliate against such official . . . on account of the performance of official duties

I will address these two alternate forms of intent in turn.

#### A.

For the reasons set forth supra in my discussion of actus reus and the Alkhabaz case, it cannot seriously be concluded that Fenton had any intent to impede, intimidate or interfere with

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Likewise, in United States v. Patillo, 431 F.2d 293 (4th Cir. 1970), defendant stated to a co-worker his intention to kill President Nixon. Id. at 294-95. The court held that this statement amounted to a true threat, id. at 295, but significantly, defendant's defense was limited to a general denial of making the remark. Id. at 295-96. Thus, again, the court was never called on to decide the circumstances under which statements made to unrelated third parties constitute threats. Indeed, the government does not cite this case in its actus reus argument, but saves it for its discussion of Fenton's mental state.

Congressman Murtha. Murtha was not "in the audience" when Fenton spoke, and the government put on no evidence that Fenton,<sup>8</sup> intended his words to be conveyed to Murtha. One simply cannot be intimidated by speech of which he is unaware. See Snellenberger, 24 F.3d at 803 (noting that district court made similar holding under § 115(a)(1)(B) and concluding, in dictum, "that the court's reading of the statute was entirely justified"). Cf. Patillo, 431 F.2d at 298 ("There is no danger to the President's safety from one who utters a threat and has no intent to actually do what he threatens.")

In addition, there is no evidence that Fenton wanted Congressman Murtha to take any official action, or refrain from taking any such action, as a result of his "threats." Fenton was not, for example, demanding that Murtha sponsor a certain piece of legislation, nor did he make his threats to disrupt, say, an official speech to a group of constituents. It is perhaps arguable that he wanted the Congressman to support his plan, yet the record shows that Fenton thought

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The government essentially contends that the jury was entitled to find objective intent to communicate, arguing that "the most natural consequence" of making a series of death threats over the phone will be that the recipient of the communication will notify law enforcement, who in turn will notify the intended target. Dkt. no. 131, at 24. I disagree; although whether a statement constitutes a threat is evaluated under an objective standard, the standard for determining specific intent under § 115(a)(1)(B) is subjective, as even the government argues elsewhere in its brief, dkt. no. 131, at 21. See Fulmer, 108 F.3d at 1494 (approving jury instruction to the effect that "[w]hen we are talking about the defendant's intent, we are talking about what he meant to do and what was in his mind[]"). Alternatively, the government may be seen as arguing that a jury could simply infer that Fenton intended for Leventry to warn Congressman Murtha as the "natural and probable consequence" of conveying the threat to Leventry. Again, I disagree. Leventry was not a law enforcement officer or member of the Congressman's staff. To assume that a private citizen will "naturally and probably" inform the target of the threat anytime a threat is made to a third party would effectively eviscerate § 115(a)(1)(B)'s intent requirement. All that can be inferred from this record is that Fenton intended to threaten Leventry, either to induce him to better handle his insurance claim or to retaliate for the way Leventry had already processed it.

that Murtha stole the plan from Fenton so he could bring it to fruition and take the credit for himself. Even under Fenton's distorted view of reality, there was no "official" action Murtha could take or not take that would satisfy Fenton's desires. At most, Congressman Murtha could have given Fenton the credit Fenton thought he deserved, but that is not an official duty. Accordingly, even if Fenton had intended to impede, intimidate or interfere with Murtha, that intent had absolutely no nexus with any of the Congressman's official duties.

The government argues that there is no nexus requirement; rather, it contends that the defendant need only intend to impede, intimidate or interfere with the Congressman "during the time that" he is performing official duties. That is simply not what the statute provides. Section 115(a)(1)(B) is quite clear that the defendant's intent must be "to impede, intimidate or interfere with such official. . . while engaged in the performance of official duties. . . ."

(Emphasis added.) See United States v. Streich, 759 F.2d 579, 584 (7th Cir. 1985) (Whether an official is engaged in performance of official duties "turns on whether the federal officer is acting within the scope of what he is employed to do or is engaging in a personal frolic of his own."). Evidently, the government believes this condition is satisfied during the entire time that Congress is in session, or perhaps as long as the member holds office. This is implausible, leading as it does to absurd possibilities, for example, that a person could be convicted under § 115(a)(1)(B) for threatening a Member of Congress in response to an insult the Member made to that person's spouse during cocktail party conversation. Significantly, the government cites no useful authority for this novel proposition. The closest it comes is the case of United States v. Berki, 936 F.2d 529 (11th Cir. 1991), but that case is inapposite. There, the defendant clearly threatened a federal judge on account of her performance of official judicial duties. Id. at 531.

His defense was simply that he did not know that the object of his threat was a federal judge when he threatened her, a position which the Eleventh Circuit rejected under a plain error standard of review. Id at 532. Accordingly, I reject the government's argument.

B.

That leaves the government's contention that Fenton intended to retaliate against Congressman Murtha. This too is problematic, and the question turns on how "retaliation" is defined. Fenton asserts that there can be no threat with intent to retaliate unless the threatening words are communicated to their intended target. Dkt. no. 130, at 50. The government, for its part, essentially argues that communication of the threat to the victim is unnecessary if the defendant has the present intention of carrying out the threat at the time it is made. Dkt. no. 131, at 18.

It seems clear that, aside from the unfortunate circumstance in which the threat is actually carried-out, no intent to retaliate can exist unless there are facts to support either the government's or Fenton's theory. A threat that is never communicated to the victim and is not intended to be carried out by its speaker is no retaliation at all. Indeed, it is no more than reciting lines of a play, in a closed room, to oneself. For the reasons already discussed, of course, there is no evidence that Fenton intended that his threats be communicated to Murtha. That squarely raises the question of whether a present intention to carry out a threat suffices to make out the intent to retaliate under § 115(a)(1)(B).

The government relies on Snellenberger, in which the court, with scant analysis and without reference to whether there was a present intent to carry out the threat, opined that there was no need for the threat to be communicated to the victim in order to have an intent to